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Takeaway plea on old post office

A FORMER post office in Sedgley will be brought back to life as a Chinese takeaway under new plans which are expected to be approved next month.

The scheme to revamp the post office in Dudley Street, Sedgley, would create three jobs and help inject new life into the town, a report says.

The post office moved in August last year to a redundant electrical substation next door which bosses said was better suited to its needs.

But one resident has objected to the plans to turn the old post office site into a takeaway raising concerns about possible smells and noise.

Plans for the overhaul are set to go before Dudley Council's planning committee for consideration at a meeting on April 4.

Planning officials have recommended the scheme is given approval subject to a number of conditions.

Letters notifying nearby residents of the plans have been sent to 32 properties in the area.

Repair hope for key building

PLANS to restore a historic building in Dudley town centre have been submitted.

Dudley Townscape Heritage Initiative, which manages the restoration of key old buildings, hopes to do work at the Holloway Hall and Chambers.

If approved, the proposals will mean outside repairs to the Priory Road building.

A modern internal refurbishment to create new business units and office space inside will also take place.

The public sector package of funding, which will help to deliver this and many other Dudley Townscape Heritage Initiative projects, comes from a variety of sources.

These include the Heritage Lottery Fund, Growth Points Fund, English Heritage and also Dudley Council.

It is estimated that funding of up to £2.4 million could be available for grant-aiding projects within the town centre and an additional £500,000 from the European Regional Development Fund is also being sought.

Clubs a click away

THE latest community information on clubs and events within Dudley is now just a mouse click away thanks to the launch of a new website.

A directory has been launched at www.dudleyci.co.uk by staff from Dudley libraries.

Horse in canal fall

A STRAY horse was rescued by firefighters after falling into the Dudley Canal atParkhead locks near Holly Hall Road, Holly Hall. Firefighters had to tie ropes around the animal to pull it out of the water on Monday.

College's academy status bid for the new school year

A DUDLEY school is looking to take the next step in its development by applying for academy status.

Holly Hall Mathematics and Computing College hopes to be granted academy status in time for the new school year in September.

The status will mean the school will be able to manage its own admissions, budget, training, human resources and curriculum.

Graham Lloyd, head teacher, said: "Holly Hall is a very successful school and continues to go from strength to strength. Academy status is the next natural stage in our development as we move from good to outstanding." Mr Lloyd has earmarked the sports and science facilities to be developed, as well as the opportunity to offer post-16 education on-site.

Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Education, stated last year that he hoped that all schools which Ofsted judged as "good with outstanding features" would apply for academy status.

Holly Hall was judged to be good with outstanding features in their last inspection in 2008. As part of the application, Mr Lloyd has consulted parents, staff and the student council to gauge the reaction to the move.

Scheme back on cards for listed manor grounds

A SCHEME to build new homes within the grounds of a listed Georgian manor house near Stourbridge were being resubmitted by developers this week.

The proposals for 14 properties on the land around Grade II-listed Wordsley Manor were halted by planners earlier this year amid concerns over wildlife conservation on the site.

Hagley-based developer Selbourne Homes said on Monday it had been in talks with Dudley Council and the Firmstone family, who own the house, to draw up a new strategy.

It is hoped the revised scheme will appease the authority and conservation group Natural England.

If given the go-ahead the development would fund £400,000 of renovations to the dilapidated house which has been owned by the family for 160 years. Selbourne Homes managing director Gavin Warr said talks had been positive and plans were now being completed.

"I'm extremely hopeful that we have done what we needed to do this time round," he said.

When plans were first unveiled Natural England expressed concerns about the habitat of slow worms and bats on the site being disturbed.

MEMORIALS TO GRAN STOLEN

REMEMBRANCE plaques and ornaments dedicated to the memory of a grandmother have been stolen from the garden of a Dudley home, leaving relatives distraught.

Family members awoke to discover the theft of the items placed in honour of grandmother Olive Verrill, who died 13 years ago at the age of 66.

The tributes were taken from the front garden of the family home in Norwood Road, Brockmoor, Brierley Hill, over the weekend.

Mrs Verrill's grand-daughter Terri-Anne Verrill, aged 24, said she, her 17-year-old sister Olivia and mother Samantha were devastated.

Ribbon

She said: "I feel gutted and upset that someone has stolen such random items, the memorial plaques that were stolen upset me the most."

She added: "They are not worth any great value in terms of money, it's the sentimental value more than anything.

"We have heard that similar thefts have happened in the area and so we would like to know whether anyone can shed some light on it. There are other ornaments and items in the garden which they didn't take so we don't know why these in particular were targeted," she added.

The plaques were installed about a year ago as until then family members had always tied a ribbon to a tree in the garden marking the anniversary of Mrs Verrill's death. The family believe the items were taken sometime between 10pm onFriday and 5am on Saturday.

Olivia Shakespeare with a photo of her late grandmother, Olive Verrill

Two stone plaques were stolen which read "to a special mum" and "to a special nan".

Also taken were three silver solar lights as well as two blue candle holders and a green one. The family also say that a small blue butterfly decorated with glitter and two plant pots including one blue pot in the shape of a shoe were taken. The items were placed either around the tree or near the front doorstep.

Police have today confirmed they are investigating the theft.

Vicky on song for contest

A SINGER from Netherton is hoping to reach for the stars after being told she has made it through to the live shows of a national competition.

Sixth-form student Vicky Wood, aged 16, is dreaming of taking audiences by storm as part of the Britain Does Variety show next month.

The teenager, of Abingdon Road, has already appeared in front of a panel of judges who put her through to the live show at the Old Rep Theatre, Birmingham, on April 16.

Vicky, who attends Heathfield Foundation Technology College, in Cradley Heath,said: "I've been having lessons with my singing tutor."

Anyone interested in tickets price at £9 is asked to call Vicky's mother Shelia on 01384 634093.

Vicky Wood – hoping to impress the judges with her singing

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£3m spent on bank nurse hospital cover

MORE than £3 million has been spent on agency nurses since Russells Hall Hospital set up a staff bank to reduce costs.

Bosses at the hospital said using their own pool of workers had shaved £2m off the bill for temporary staff.

But due to increased numbers of emergency admissions during last year's cold snap they had been forced to fall back on paying agency nurses.

The hospital trust said it had spent around £3.1m between April, when the staff bank was set up, and January this year. It had previously spent £5m on agency nurses between April 2009 and March 2010.

The staff bank is made up of 400 nurses and clinical workers, already employed by the trust, and bosses say using their own staff is better as they know the hospital.

Support

Chief executive Paula Clark said: "Ensuring our patients receive the best possible care from highly-skilled staff is a top priority for The Dudley Group of Hospitals and this means that sometimes we need to utilise bank and agency staff to cover annual leave, maternity leave and sickness as well as filling short-term vacancies.

"As our own staff bank has become much more established we have reduced our reliance on external bank and agency staff by some £2m this year down to £3m.

"However, there are times when we still require support from nursing agencies," she added.

"From April 2010 to January 2011, we spent approximately £3.1m on agency nursing staff to ensure the most appropriate number of nursing staff were available to care for our patients during some particularly busy months."

Approval for leisure centre proposal

A £8.8 MILLION leisure centre plan in Tipton has been approved.

Sandwell planners voted through some minor amendments to the scheme.

The centre, which will include a 25-metre swimming pool, will be built on the junction of Alexandra Road and Thursfield Road.

It will also include a learner pool, a gym, changing facilities and a community room.

Once it is built it will replace the ageing Tipton Swimming Centre in Queens Road.

Mum sets pace in fundraising quest

A KIND-HEARTED mother from Halesowen is hoping to sprint through her biggest race yet as she pulls on her running shoes for the London marathon.

Diane Hillier, of Springfield Road, will be running the race in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital.

The part-time legal secretary and mother of three, who has only ever run half-marathons in the past, has already smashed her £150 target for her biggest ever challenge.

Great Ormond Street is a place close to Diane's heart after youngest daughter Kirsty was diagnosed with a rare bladder disease five years ago.

Ten-year-old Kirsty frequently visits the Urodynamics ward and attends the famous hospital regularly for treatment.

Diane, aged 43, who has been running for two years, said: "I still can't quite believe I am taking part in the marathon, it is pure madness.

"I cannot thank the hospital enough for what they have done for Kirsty and what they are continuing to do.

Battle

"I didn't set my fundraising target very high as any donation to the hospital makes a difference but I would urge anyone who can to sponsor me.

"Kirsty's condition does worry me, it has been a real battle for us all and while it is always an upsetting thought that she is going to have to live with this, I am much stronger for her now and want to do all I can to help her and the hospital."

To sponsor Diane on her mission visit www.justgiving.com/diane-hillier.

Former Sons' building gets a new lease of life

A PROJECT to breathe life into a former Sons of Rest building in the Black Country has been hailed as "the future" of community working.

More than £10,000 has been pumped into improving the former Sons of Rest building in Dudley's Buffery Park over the past two years, replacing the kitchen, painting the outside, and redecorating – and now youth groups and other community groups are being invited to use the hall.

The lease was taken over by the Friends of Buffery Park group. The centre is getting its new life after escaping the mass demolition of Sons of Rest buildings across the country in the 1970s.

The friends group have re-named the building the Buffery Paradise Centre, and have now secured a sub-let from Your Choice Park View, a group for people with learning disabilities, which wants to rent the building up to four days a week.

Buffery Paradise Centre following the upgrade

Chairman Stephen Briscoe said the income would ensure community groups were able to use the building free of charge.

He said: "This is a massive coup for us. We feel very fortunate.

"It's been two years and a lot of hard work, but definitely worth it."

The project was largely funded by a £10,000 grant from Tesco.

Threat

A grant application put before Central Dudley Area Committee is asking for £4,946 towards the cost of a new central heating system.

The first community group to set up at the centre is the Sunshine Group senior citizens' group.

Mr Briscoe, aged 45, of Adshead Road, Dudley, said: "The building looks fantastic and we've got a number of groups showing interest – I think this is the way community centres will have to be run.

"With cost-cutting and centres under threat of closure, this is the future – people taking matters into their own hands."

Maureen Gillbanks of the Sunshine Club, front left, with, left to right, Sue Webb and David George, from Your Choice Park View, Buffery Park friends and residents' association secretary Lynn Horton and Stephen Briscoe

Members of the Sons of Rest outside the building on September 24, 1970

Electric car fleet

A FLEET of electric cars costing £500,000 is being bought by Sandwell Council, it has been revealed.

The authority plans to add 10 of the vehicles to its current bank of pool cars, with charging points also set to be installed.

The announcement comes after council leader Darren Cooper passed plans to reduce mileage payments for staff.

The authority had hoped to reduce the amount claimed by staff who use their cars for work reduced from 65p per mile to 40p in a bid to save £1.1 million.

Councillor Cooper said the the introduction of electric cars was part of plans to save the authority money.

Council prepares case over funding

DISCUSSIONS over the Government's decision to scrap millions of pounds worth of school rebuilding projects in Sandwell are set to take place next month.

The borough had nine schemes worth £138m cut.

Sandwell and five other authorities launched legal action after Labour's Building Schools for the Future programme was axed.

The Sandwell cutbacks sparked an outcry from parents, pupils and school staff. Last month the authority was successful in a High Court challenge, along with several other councils, and Education Secretary Michael Gove was told to think again.

Now, council officers are compiling a case to present to the Government on what action should be taken in Sandwell with a meeting expected in April. Schools losing out included Bristnall Hall, Heathfields, Peryfields, Wood Green, Stuart Bathurst and Manor and Menzies.

No plan to close doors of hostel

THERE are no plans to close a bail hostel in Tipton despite residents' claims that it has been making their lives a misery for the past three years.

Fifteen people attended a meeting to raise their concerns about the controversial property in Church Street with police and councillors. But no-one from Stonham, which manages the home on behalf of the Government, attended.

Sergeant Colin Gallier, from Tipton police station, who chaired the meeting, said: "I can't see there being a change of location for it. There is no time limit for these houses. If there is a continued need for them, they will remain."

Consulted

Fights, noise and police being called to the property at 5amare some of the problems that have been reported since the hostel opened in 2008.

At the recent meeting at Burnt Tree Children's Centre in Tividale Street, residents said they were worried about a potential increase in crime in the area and asked why they had not been consulted when the bail house first opened.

Sandwell Council development manager Michael Nicholls said there was no legal requirement to contact residents when a bail house opened.

Stonham spokesman Rachel Dunachie confirmed there were no plans to close the service.

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Ban fan did not sign in

A FOOTBALL fan who was banned from attending games failed to sign in at a police station on the day of an England match, a court heard.

Michael Kendrick, aged 35, of Vicarage Prospect, Dudley, is required to surrender his passport and visit West Bromwich police station on the day of international games.

He was made the subject of a football banning order in 2005 after being involved in violence following a West Bromwich Albion v Aston Villa match. Dudley Magistrates Court was told last week that Kendrick failed to turn up before the England v Denmark match last month.

He pleaded guilty to two counts of failing to comply with a football banning order and was fined £50 for each offence.

Mr Barry Sealeaf, prosecuting, said Kendrick had received a caution for similar offences in September.

Mr Simon Hamblett, defending, said Kendrick no longer had any interest in football and had not kept an eye on the fixtures. Kendrick was ordered to pay £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Christopher Langford

Legal fight mother wins £6m award for brain-damaged son

THE mother of a brain-damaged Black Country man who received more than £6 million in compensation after hospital failures during his birth said she hoped lessons had been learned.

Christopher Langford, now aged 23, from Tipton, was left with cerebral palsy caused by a six-minute delay in being born at Sandwell Hospital in October 1987 which starved his brain of oxygen.

Mr Langford was delivered by midwives after a scan showed he had an abnormal heartbeat but an obstetrician failed to attend.

Had he been born six minutes earlier he would not have suffered brain damage.

The High Court in Birmingham last week approved a lump sum of more than £2.75m plus annual payments to ensure he has access to the care and rehabilitation he will need for the rest of his life. His mother Amanda Langford said: "No amount of money can ever give him the normal life he should have had.

"I really hope the hospital has learned lessons so that no other parent has to go through the heartache we have suffered."

Security

She added: "I took legal action because I was determined to prove their mistake robbed my son of a normal life.

"Christopher is a very happy young man and has a real love of life but he naturally gets frustrated that he cannot do the things that most of us take for granted."

The decision follows a legal fight between Mr Langford's lawyers, Irwin Mitchell Solicitors, and West Midlands Strategic Health Authority who refused to admit liability for the delays in his delivery.

But in February 2009, a judge at the Royal Courts of Justice found that if Christopher had been born just six minutes earlier, he would have avoided the majority of his injuries.

Mandy Luckman, a partner with Irwin Mitchell solicitors, said the case proved how crucial fast action could be for unborn babies.

She added: "Today's settlement should not be viewed as a lottery win but will provide Christopher with financial security to pay for the lifetime of care he will need.

"It also provides his mother with the peace of mind that in the years ahead Christopher will always be well provided for."

Camera caught thief's offence

A MAN from Cradley Heath has received an eight week suspended sentence for stealing from two vehicles.

Jason Billingham, aged 23, of Vale Court, admitted taking a driving licence from a car which had been left unsecured in a car park in Cradley Heath on February 28.

Warley Magistrates Court also heard that Billingham had broken into a Vauxhall car parked in Brandon Way, West Bromwich, on the evening of March 6.

Prosecutor Miss Maxine Jarrousse told the court: "The defendant smashed the offside window of the Vauxhall."

Returned

The court heard that this theft was caught on CCTV and police arrested Billingham not far from the scene.

He had taken a sat nav system and an MP3 player, both of which were returned to the owner.

Billingham pleaded guilty to both charges of theft from a motor vehicle.

Magistrates last Wednesday sentenced Billingham to eight weeks in prison which was then suspended for a year.

He was also given a community order with supervision for 12 months.

Tenants in solar power trials

SOLAR panels will be fitted to the roofs of council homes in Dudley at a cost of £45,000 – which will be recouped over the next eight years.

The pilot scheme, which will enable council house tenants to get free electricity, is being rolled out this week.

The scheme will see a number of solar panels added to the roofs of three two-storey blocks of flats, each with four flats for mature tenants aged over 40, in Jockey Fields, Upper Gornal.

If it is deemed a success it could be expanded to other parts of Dudley borough.

Daylight

The trial will provide some free electricity to the tenants during daylight hours, amounting to roughly one free month of electricity per year.

Any additional electricity generated which tenants do not use will be exported to the national grid.

Council chiefs say they have picked the flats in Jockey Fields as they are "ideal" with south-facing roofs, which are relatively unshaded, at the rear.

The panels need daylight to produce electricity rather than sunlight so council chiefs say they will always provide a benefit.

The effectiveness of the scheme will be monitored this summer and if successful, it is likely the scheme will be rolled out to larger council-run schemes.

Wheelchair hire fee for disabled at Merry Hill

HIRE charges are being introduced for mobility scooters, wheelchairs and pushchairs at the Merry Hill shopping centre.

Retail giant Westfield, which owns the Black Country centre, says the charges are "essential" to maintain the service, which was previously free.

An annual registration fee of £10 is being introduced from April 1 as well as daily charges introduced for different wheelchairs, scooters and pushchairs. The charge for the hire of pushchairs is £2 per day.

There will also be the same charge for the hire of mobility scooters and electric wheelchairs each time. Unregistered users will be charged a one-off hire fee of £3 for electric wheelchairs, mobility scooters and pushchairs.

Manual wheelchairs can be hired for £1 for registered users while non-registered users will be charged £3.

Dudley Council's disability champion Councillor Colin Banks today said: "I would have thought with the money they are making it wasn't needed. It is just another charge for people during these tough times.

"I don't know whether they have thought about this commercially because if people do not want to pay and don't go, it isn't just them. It might be the whole family."

Westfield Merry Hill spokeswoman Kelly Reed said: "Merry Hill will start charging for use of Shopmobility equipment from Monday, April 4.

"These charges are essential for the on-going provision of the service, the maintenance of the Merry Hill Shopmobility fleet and in order to improve the service. We have striven to keep the Shopmobility charges as low as possible to minimise the impact."

Mobility scooter user Trevor Stuart, of Shenstone Close, Bromsgrove, said: "It just seemed a big jump from free to these charges which are quite high if you only go there once or twice a year."

£10m boilers deal

A NEW £10 million deal has been struck for gas services to around 23,000 council properties within Dudley.

Officials from Dudley Council have signed contracts with family-run company PH Jones for the next three years.

The Cheshire-based firm won the lucrative contract which starts next month.

Council chiefs say residents will have a "seamless" change from energy company E.on which concludes its contract this month.

PH Jones will be responsible for providing maintenance, servicing and installations. Workers employed under the previous contract will continue with PH Jones. The only differences would be new uniforms, vans and number – 01384 286086.

Bulldog Vinnie's Facebook fame

Vinnie the British bulldog, looking at his Facebook site with Liam Smith

BULLDOG Vinnie Stevenson has a growing fan club on his own social networking "page" – attracting fans from all over the world.

Vinnie's canine capers are now updated regularly on his Facebook page by Liam Smith, 20-year-old stepson of his owner Roger Stevenson, of Clent View Road, Norton, Stourbridge – to be lapped up by his growing army of fans.

The one-year-old British bulldog, whose kennel name is Bulltowers Hercules, barks excitedly, as he looks at the responses from his 106 Facebook friends.

Latest entries on Vinnie's Facebook "wall" – which shows what he has been up to lately – include a photograph and video of him wolfing down his first birthday cake, made from corned beef with a candle on top.

Roger Stevenson, aged 64, and his wife Tricha, 49, purchased Vinnie from his birthplace in Cannock.

To find Vinnie see Vinnie Stevenson (Bulltowers Hercules) on Facebook.

Currying favour at school

STUDENTS at a Black Country school enjoyed a visit from a professional chef who offered top tips on the profession.

The youngsters, who are studying hospitality at the RSA Academy in Tipton, had the chance to pose questions to Aftab Rahmed, from the Mint Restaurant in Yardley, Birmingham.

Mr Rahmed cooked the group chicken curry with rice and dhal.

Academy food technology teacher Gemma Alldritt said: "Events like this allow our students to learn new skills and enjoy themselves too."

Time traveller's show

THE world of science fiction and Doctor Who is set to descend on the Black Country with a new exhibition this spring.

Out of this Universe starts on April 6 at The Public in West Bromwich and will feature props, models, costumes, toys and memorabilia from hit productions such as Doctor Who and Stars Wars.

Meanwhile, interactive machines, models of Daleks, Wall-E, R2D2 and a Tardis, from the collection of Nigel Parkes, will be on display at the New Street arts centre until June 26.

During the length of the exhibition a number of specially-themed family workshops will also be held.

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High hopes for region's £100m freight line route

Peter Suddock, chief executive at Dudley Zoo – scheme welcome

A £100 MILLION project to launch a tram-train line taking commuters across the Black Country will be in place by 2014 if plans unveiled in detail are approved.

The move is expected to create hundreds of jobs. Hybrid tram-trains, capable of travelling along both light and heavy tracks, would run along a defunct freight line, taking passengers between Stourbridge and Walsall.

There would be stops on the tram-train line in both Brierley Hill and Dudley town centre. Council chiefs estimate that the scheme would bring in a minimum boost to the economy of £200m.

Cabinet member for transport at Dudley Council Angus Adams today said a full business plan had been submitted and was being considered by Network Rail. If approved, work could begin on the project as soon as 2014.

Councillor Adams said: "We believe there is a very strong case for this project to be approved, and are very optimistic. It would ease pressure on the roads and create a fast passage between areas of the region which don't have rail links at the moment.

"These tram-trains are being trialled at the moment in Sheffield, and are widely used across Europe already." He said the money was expected to come largely from Department for Transport grants, along with contributions from councils.

Tram-trains would share the line with freight trains and the line would be in operation for an estimated six to 10 years, while councils in the region wait to see whether £289m to extend the Midland Metro will be made available.

Roads 'just can't handle traffic'

Jobs boost if tram-train scheme can reach fruition

The hoped for Metro expansion remains a vague hope on the horizon. But plans to reopen old freight lines could plug the gap and link Stourbridge in the south-west of the Black Country to Aldridge in the north-east. Charlotte Cross reports on the scheme.

AFTER years of financial bartering and political lobbying, £289million plans to extend the Midland Metro still appear to be a distant dream for the Black Country.

But council leaders eager to kick-start the region's economy following the recession have unveiled plans to invest money in reopening disused freight lines and introducing a tram-train service to ferry people between Stourbridge and Aldridge.

The line, which would link two far corners of the Black Country, would bring in an estimated £200million profit and create hundreds of jobs, it is claimed.

If a Rail Utilisation Strategy report due to be released in the summer lends its support to the scheme, funding could be released and work started in 2014 or sooner, if Stourbridge MP Margot James has anything to say about it.

"I think it will do a lot of good, not just for Stourbridge, but for the whole transport infrastructure of the Black Country," she said.

"I will be working with Centro and Network Rail to try and get this project brought forward. I see no reason why we would have to wait until 2014.

"As well as providing an invaluable boost to our economy, it will hopefully help reduce some of the congestion problems that we suffer.

"It's very important that this link is reopened as soon as possible." The tram-train service would provide a stop-gap for up to a decade, potentially longer, as the Metro plans continue to crawl along.

A complicated funding package and government demands have meant the scheme to expand the Metro from Wednesbury to Brierley Hill has repeatedly hit obstacles.

The plans to extend the line, which runs from Wolverhampton St George's to Birmingham Snow Hill, were first mooted in 2005 but failed to get vital government backing.

In 2009, West Midlands councils were told the only way they would be granted cash would be if they introduced congestion charges, which they refused to do. In November, government inspectors released a damning report labelling the plans "unrealistic" and saying they were unlikely to be delivered until at least 2026.

Meanwhile, original plans to shift cargo on the freight line had been drawn up in the late 90s, but were shelved when Railtrack folded in 2002.

Victorian

But the project was resurrected in 2009 and now council leaders say they want to use the tracks for both freight and passengers.

Deputy leader of Dudley Council and member of the Transport Authority Les Jones said: "This isn't a contingency plan in case the Metro doesn't go ahead – this is something we are actively looking at and starting to plan now."

Councillor Jones said the new, £100million plans – to be largely funded from government grants – would mimic part of the planned Metro extension, along old freight lines between Wednesbury and Brierley Hill.

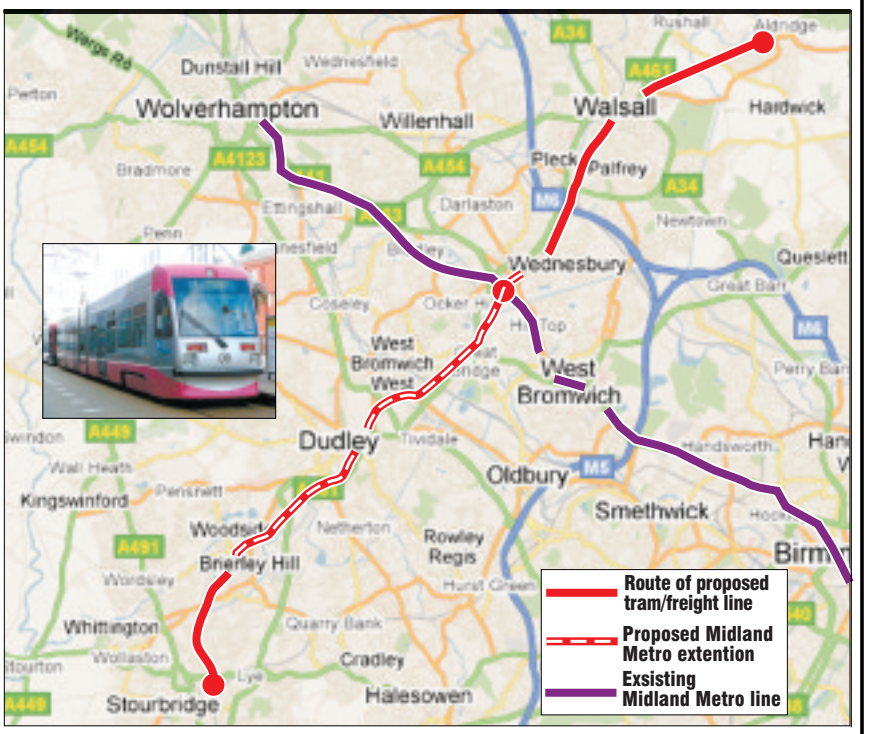
"One of the problems we suffer in Dudley is that we have a Victorian infrastructure and the roads just can't handle the volume of traffic," he said. "Public transport is going to be crucial to our long-term prosperity.

"We want to get people out of cars and onto rail, making it easier for goods vehicles to get around." Traders and local leaders welcomed news of the plans.

Market trader David Flavell, aged 50, who runs the fruit and veg stall opposite Boots in Dudley High Street, said: "I think it does sound like a very good idea.

"Anything that helps bring people in can only be good," said Mr Flavell, of Grazebrook Road, Dudley.

Peter Suddock, chief executive at Dudley Zoo "Any scheme which brings visitors to Dudley Zoo and into the town is to be welcomed."



A map showing the proposed route of the tram-train service between Stourbridge and Aldridge

Cartoon creator Jim in brain injury rehab scheme

Jim Driscoll – health care business

SHOE People cartoon creator Jim Driscoll is investing up to £12million in two care home projects that will create almost 200 jobs in Stourbridge and the Wyre Forest district.

His firm has taken over the Park Attwood Clinic in Trimpley, near Bewdley, which is due to open as a new brain injury rehabilitation centre in early summer.

It will employ about 50 people. And he is about to apply to Dudley Council for planning permission to develop the 1.5 acre former Labour Club and YWCA site in Hagley Road, Stourbridge, as a three-storey, "iconic", U-shaped building to include a 62-bedroomed care home and 38 apartments.

The Stourbridge scheme – expected to open late next year – would create jobs for 100 to 140 people, full and part time.

Iconic building

Mr Driscoll, aged 63, who now lives in Chaddesley Corbett, near Kidderminster, said: "The Stourbridge care centre will look like a block on the South of France, with balconies, and planners have told us it will be an iconic building.

There will be a 62-bed care home and 38 two-bedroom apartments where people can live and call on care when they need it 24 hours a day. People living there would be able to have family to stay with them and it will be fantastic because it will be close to all the amenities of the town centre."

The former Labour Club and YWCA in Hagley Road have already been demolished to make way for the development.

Mr Driscoll, who sold the Shoe People brand in 1996, has set up Park Attwood Ltd to run the new care businesses and Christopher Charles Properties as a development company.

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£510 bill on waste dumping

A BLACK Country man who gave a scrap metal dealer £50 to clear rubbish from outside a house ended up paying £510 after the waste was dumped at a disused pub.

Abid Ijaz, aged 38, of Caroline Street, Dudley, was refitting his parents' kitchen when the man offered to take the old units, doors and timber.

It was found piled up in the car park at the old Dry Dock, Windmill End, Netherton.

Ijaz told Dudley Magistrates Court, he "genuinely believed" the rubbish would be disposed of properly on June 1. Miss Neelam Bangar, prosecuting, said owners of the pub site paid for the waste to be removed. Ijaz, unemployed, said he arranged for a skip but the one dropped off was too small so had to be taken back.

He admitted failing to take measures to secure the authorised transfer of household waste.

Ijaze was fined £200 and told to pay £295 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Beer can man 'forgot' about fixed penalty

CRUSHING a beer can and placing it on a wall has cost a Black Country man £165 after he was taken to court.

John Webb, of Buckingham Road, Rowley Regis, disposed of the can in Hagley Road, Halesowen, near the town's social club.

The 21-year-old claims he was going to pick it up later and, though he says the fine is "harsh", said he was willing to accept the punishment.

He was initially issued a £75 fixed penalty notice but, having failed to pay, now faces paying more than twice that including fines and legal costs.

He was seen by a passing Sgt Martin Hall of Halesowen Police, who explained it was an offence to drop litter and issued him with a fixed penalty notice, said Miss Neelam Bangar, prosecuting on behalf of Dudley Council at Dudley Magistrates Court last week.

Webb, who is unemployed and lives with his mother, admitted throwing down or leaving litter.

He said: "I just completely forgot about the fixed penalty notice to be honest."

He was fined £75, and ordered to pay £75 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Masterclass day for rising stars

ARTISTIC pupils in Stourbridge were treated to a day of violin, piano and creative writing masterclasses by three professional musicians and writers.

International concert pianist Margaret Fingerhut was joined by novelist Jessica Duchen and violinist Bradley Creswick for the workshops at Old Swinford Hospital School in Heath Lane, Stourbridge.

Enjoyed

The trio also put on an evening Hungarian Dances concert, based on the novel of the same name by Mrs Duchen.

The novelist extracts from the book accompanied by the musicians.

The school's director of music Tony Bridgewater said the pupils had enjoyed the visit immensely.

Old Swinford pupils with musician Bradley Creswick

Septic shock death

A RETIRED joiner of 77 from Gornal Wood died in hospital of septic shock, an inquest heard. Ivan Cartwright, of Prospect Road was admitted to Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, with a stomach illness and died on January 5. Pathologist Dr Sixto Batitang said there had been evidence of asbestos in his body but it had not contributed. Coroner Robin Balmain recorded a verdict of natural causes.

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Party time as Marjorie marks 101st birthday

Pensioner Marjorie Ball reads all her 101st birthday cards

A FORMER resident of Norton, Stourbridge, has celebrated her 101st birthday.

Mrs Marjorie Ball who lived in Whittington Road for 17 years, was given a party at the nursing home just outside Gravesend, Kent, where she has lived for several months.

Her son David, who lives in Bridgnorth, said: "Nearly 20 family members and nursing staff arranged the party.

Care

"My mother used to live with my brother, John but was moved to a nursing home after a setback in her health requiring more care," he added.

Leicester-born, Mrs Ball is a former attender at St Michael's and All Angels Parish Church, Norton, and supported Norton Sunshine Club.

Village seeks talks on unsolved crimes

HAGLEY parish councillors are to demand an explanation from local police after it was revealed they failed to catch the crooks responsible for any of the burglaries or car crimes committed in the village last year.

A Freedom of Information request by a local resident revealed 29 burglaries and 30 vehicle crimes were recorded in 2010 in Hagley – but not one was solved. The crime detection rate for the village had slipped since 2009, when six out of 25 burglaries were solved and one vehicle crime was detected from 31 reported.

Bromsgrove district councillor Steve Colella, who is also chairman of the parish council, said: "We will be asking the police to discuss the matter with us."

Evidence

Local resident Peter Rowbottom, of Kidderminster Road South, Hagley, made the Freedom of Information request to West Mercia Police, asking for figures for the number of crimes solved.

Overall a total of 170 crimes were recorded in 2010, of which just 29 were solved – and, in the case of burglaries and vehicle crime, none was detected.

A West Mercia Police spokesman said today: "Burglaries and vehicle crime are taken very seriously and we do all we can to detect these crimes and bring offenders to justice. Of course we need to have sufficient evidence for this to happen."

Work link to man's death

A RETIRED metal worker who was in contact with asbestos during his job died from an industrial disease, an inquest heard.

Desmond Burley, aged 82, died at his home in Norton Road, Stourbridge on January 4. His cause of death was recorded as a mesothelioma and pneumonia.

The court heard he had worked at Austin Morris, later MG Rover, in 1957 where Mr Burley believed he came into contact with asbestos.

Black Country coroner Robin Balmain recorded that Mr Burley had died from an industrial disease.

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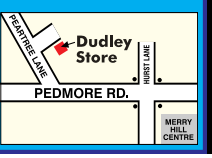

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Honour to chain strike heroine

BLACK Country artist Luke Perry is starting work on a permanent memorial to women chainmakers in the town where they won an historic strike more than a century ago.

The £25,000 memorial will honour union leader Mary Macarthur, who led the chainmakers' strikes in Cradley Heath in 1910.

Her campaigning helped the women win a famous victory, forcing employers into a pay rise following a 10-week strike and laying the foundations for the minimum wage.

Mr Perry was commissioned for the landmark at the last meeting of the Mary Macarthur Community Group, part of Cradley Heath Action Forum.

The artwork, when finished, will take pride of place in Mary Macarthur Gardens, off Sydney Road and High Street.

Family

It will stand on the site of a mound where Mary addressed strikers, once the site of the Workers Institute. The funding has been provided by Sandwell Council through cash given by developers working on projects in the area.

Mr Perry said: "Chainmaking has been in my family for a couple of hundred years and so it is really important for me, my family and the local area to get this right. "

Mr Perry will also visit nearby schools to raise pupils' awareness of the project and also to talk to experts, historians and people in the industry.

Mr Perry is the artist behind a £50,000 sculpture outside Tesco Extra in Cradley Heath. He has also co-presented a Channel 4 documentary series called Titanic: The Mission.

Honorary Alderman Margaret James, who chairs the action forum, said: "We are very pleased to have chosen Luke for this memorial to mark the chainmakers and Mary Macarthur. "

Fund-razor for 'Uncle Albert'

Close cut – Des Weaver has his beard shaved off for charity by Debbi Perks

A PENSIONER had the beard he cultivated for 14 months shaved off for two good causes.

With his facial hair reaching 10 inches long, Des Weaver, aged 69, said he endured plenty of comparisons with Only Fools and Horses character Uncle Albert during his charity drive.

However, the whiskers were finally removed at Esquire hairdressers in Beet Street, Rowley Regis. The dad-of-four, from The Mount, Cradley Heath, said: "I'm actually sad to see them go.

"So many people have come up to me to have a laugh and a joke about it and what I am doing. I had great fun growing the beard. People didn't believe I'd only been growing it for 14 months."

Mr Weaver hopes to raise £1,000 to be split between Birmingham Children's Hospital and the British Lung Foundation. He struck upon the idea when a friend offered him cash to get rid of the beard.

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Man in waste offence blamed three-bag rule

BAGS of household rubbish were dumped on a public footpath in the Black Country by a man who claimed he was forced into fly-tipping by new rules which means his local council will only collect three bags of waste a week.

Clothes and rolls of carpets were among the mess left by Wesley Bristow, aged 22, on land at the back of Addison Road, Brierley Hill.

He said waste had been piling up in his garden since Dudley Council introduced the "three bags only" rule, Dudley Magistrates Court heard last week.

Bristow, who lives with his mother, pleaded guilty to depositing controlled waste without a permit.

He was given a six-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay £415 in compensation and costs.

Compensation

The court heard Bristow was twice seen pushing a green wheelie bin full of rubbish to land at the back of Addison Road at about 2pm on August 22 last year.

An officer from Dudley Council then went to the scene the next day and found a pile of rubbish including rolls of carpet, clothes, wood and plastic panelling.

The rubbish had blocked a dirt path used by residents to cut between Addison Road and Waldron Avenue.

Bristow, who is unemployed, said that on this occasion he decided to get rid of the waste around the back of his home.

He added: "I'm sorry for putting it down there and I know now that it was wrong.

"The problem is the council won't take more than three bin bags and my garden was getting covered in rubbish."

He was ordered to pay £120 compensation and £295 court costs.

Cleaning up to aid good causes

FIREFIGHTERS in Brierley Hill have been getting in a lather with a charity car wash to raise funds for two good causes.

About £270 was raised by members of green watch at the station in Dudley Road by cleaning mucky motors.

Half the cash raised will be donated to help a young boy from Halesowen, six-year-old Joshua Baker, who has a heart condition.

Sunny

The other half will go towards The Firefighters Charity.

Watch commander Brian Morris said sunny weather brought plenty of motorists out and added: "We are pleased with the amount of money we have raised.

"We are also planning a charity bike ride in aid of Joshua later this year, possibly in June, which will see members of green watch cycling around all the stations in the West Midlands which is around 170 miles."

Firefighter Nick Bailey, front, with his children, Jacob and Freya, clean cars with Crew Commander Dan Evans and firefighters Craig Smith and Kev Baugh

Housing estate application

A HOUSING estate is being planned to replace units in the Black Country. Sandwell Council has applied for outline permission for 96 homes and 43 flats on land off Newlyn Road in Cradley Heath.

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Cheeky poster is now exhibit

Stourport's Fiona Walker, the woman in the famous Athena poster, at Christie's with the legendary calendar photo

A WOMAN who became the nation's most popular pin-up 35 years ago was at the preview of a Birmingham art exhibition dedicated to tennis.

When Oldbury photographer Martin Elliott's picture of his then girlfriend cheekily hitching up her skirt to reveal a buttock during a game of tennis was picked up by poster company Athena in the 1970s, it became one of the most popular posters ever in the UK.

The tennis girl Fiona Walker, who now lives in Worcestershire, was at Christie's in London last week to launch Court on Canvas – an exhibition exploring tennis as a subject in art which will runs from May 27 to September 18 at the Barber Institute of Fine Arts in Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Unique

The 1976 photograph by former Oldbury Grammay School pupil Martin Elliott, was taken of his girlfriend at the time, 18-year-old student Fiona Butler, from Stourbridge, at Edgbaston Tennis Club. She could not actually play tennis.

The photograph was licensed to Athena for a calendar for the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977, and became a cheeky, sexy icon.

Fiona Butler went on to marry multi-millionaire Ian Walker and now lives in Stourport.

Mr Elliott, who got royalties for the popular picture, moved to Cornwall where he died a year ago after a long battle with cancer. The first game of lawn tennis was played in 1859 by Major Harry Gem and his friend, Jean Batista Augurio Perera, on a court at the latter's home, at number 8, Ampton Road, Edgbaston. The unique exhibition Court on Canvas: Tennis in Art at the Barber – less than half a mile from the birthplace of the modern game – is the first to explore the subject of tennis in art.

It brings together paintings, drawings and sculptures inspired by the game, including Sir John Lavery's The Tennis Party and works by artists as diverse as LS Lowry, EH Shepard (of Winnie the Pooh fame) and David Hockney. It will be accompanied by a display of historic tennis equipment, photographs and memorabilia.

Budget helping to put fuel in the tank of British economy

Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views on issues that matter

LAST Wednesday in the House of Commons, George Osborne delivered the Coalition Government's second Budget.

It sets out how we will reform the nation's economy so that we enjoy growth and jobs in the future. It is also about doing what we can to help families with the cost of living – including an immediate 1 pence cut in fuel duty.

In last year's Emergency Budget the new Government had to bring the country back from the brink of bankruptcy.

Labour had maxed out the country's credit card, and left their bills for our children and grandchildren to pay.

They doubled the national debt and as a result British taxpayers now spend £120 million a day paying off the interest on Labour's debts. That is more than we spend on our schools or defence.

We must stick to the plan to tackle the deficit.

But stability alone is not enough – Britain has to earn its way in the modern world. Under Labour, we lost ground in the world economy. We slipped down the league tables for economic competitiveness as taxes got higher and red tape ever more restrictive.

Manufacturing halved, as they placed all our bets on the City of London with a model for growth based on unsustainable public spending, immigration, and financial services.

With the government now accounting for half of our economy, we have to reform.

We need a new economic model, one which is underpinned by investment, manufacturing and exports, so that Britain makes things again.

This Budget kick-started that reform with a tax cut for business, rate relief for small firms – a doubling of help for entrepreneurs .Relief and more support for research and development. We will scrap burdensome regulations that cost businesses millions every year and introduce a moratorium on all new regulation for our smallest companies.

There will be radical reforms to the planning system to encourage more sustainable development.

To ensure growth is more evenly spread, we have announced 21 new Enterprise Zones across the country, including one here in the Black Country.

Work

Creating a £3 billion new Green Investment Bank will encourage in another £15 billion in private sector investment in green projects. Investing £100 million in new science facilities will help ensure Britain stays at the forefront of innovation.

To reach our economic potential we have to support young people. Labour left Britain with a legacy of very high youth unemployment.

This Budget will help them back into work with 100,000 work experience placements and 50,000 additional apprenticeship places, on top of the 200,000 already planned.

Charities will benefit too. A new scheme will allow Gift Aid to be claimed on small donations without the donor needing to fill in any forms at all. That means Gift Aid on the contents of the collecting tin and the street bucket. 100,000 charities gain about £240 million.

There are radical plans to support the largest donations too. In future if you leave 10 per cent or more of your estate to charity, then the Government will take 10 per cent off your inheritance tax rate.

Beneficiaries won't be better off but charities will get £300 million more.

The Budget doesn't choose between creating the conditions for future growth and helping families with the cost of living.

Our plan for growth means doing both. At a time when money is tight for families up and down the country, people need to know that the Government is on their side.

That is why I am so pleased that the Chancellor not only replaced Labour's fuel duty escalator with a fair fuel stabiliser but also announced a 1 penny per litre cut in fuel duty – all paid for by a tax on oil companies.

This won't transform prices at the pump, but at a time when oil prices round the world are spiking, the Government is trying to ease the burden.

Alongside the freeze in council tax, and the delay in the rise of Air Passenger Duty, it means the Government is doing what it can, even when money is tight.

The increase in the personal allowance will also make a difference to hard working low paid families.

From April next year the personal tax allowance will increase by a further £630, to £8,105.

That represents another real increase of £48 extra per year, or £126 in cash terms.

Growth

Together with this year's rise, that means a total of £326 extra each year for those working hard to support their families.

And it also means, just ten months into office, this coalition Government has taken 1.1 million low-paid people out of tax altogether.

First time buyers will also receive help with a new £250 million programme to help 10,000 people get on the housing ladder.

That's why I am supporting this plan for growth.

By helping families with the cost of living, and backing enterprise this Budget puts fuel into the tank of the British economy.

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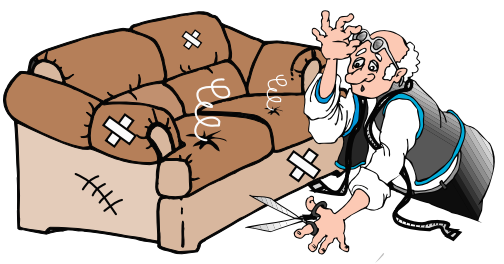

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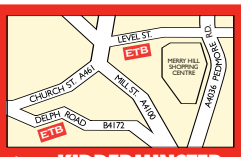

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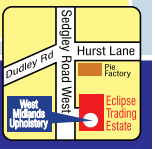

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Cheapest homes in region

A STREET in Kidderminster has been named as the cheapest place in the West Midlands to buy a home, with properties selling for under £45,000.

The survey also named three other streets in the Black Country as among the top 10 most affordable roads in the region.

Homes in St Cecilia Close in Hoobrook, Kidderminster, go for an average value of £43,800 according to website Mouseprice.com although some are offered for as little as £30,000.

The street is mostly made up of flats but ward councillor Helen Dyke says the properties have a lot of positive points. "They are on a main link road and are quite spacious," she said.

Second on the list is Churchfield Avenue in Tipton where homes go for an average of £49,700.

Fifth is Beacon View Road in West Bromwich where homes go for around £50,700 while at number 10 was Tudor Court in Tipton were the average price is £52,600.

School board may go in switch to academy

THE future of a board of governors and headteacher at a failing Black Country secondary school is uncertain as it may become an academy.

The Heathfield Foundation Technology College, in Cradley Heath, has been given a notice to improve after Ofsted inspectors rated it "inadequate" in January.

An application has been made to the Department for Education for the school, in Wrights Lane, to become an academy outside council control. Under Government guidelines a likely requirement for that is the removal of the headteacher and governing board. Academy schools control their own curriculum, receive funding directly from the government and get more cash to drive standards up.

Decision

Councillor Bob Badham, Sandwell council's cabinet member for schools said all necessary steps had been taken to rectify the situation. "There's got to be a restructuring of the college to make it a better school again," he added.

Principal John Parker, who has been at the school's helm for 27 years, said: "The application to become an academy is on hold at the moment and the Secretary of State has got to make a decision."

Councillor Ray Nock, leader of the opposition Tory group, felt the move should be welcomed. "Parents will benefit in Cradley Heath," he said.

Ofsted inspector David Muir told the school to increase the number of pupils gaining five A* to C grades including English and mathematics. Its sixth form was rated as good with clear improvement in recent years.

The school's capacity for sustained improvement was rated as satisfactory.

Council set to act over horses

HORSE owners are lobbying council chiefs after bosses in one Black Country borough threatened to seize animals left on local authority land.

Sandwell Council is to remove horses found tethered or wandering the streets and charge the owners for the animals' return.

It has been claimed there are up to 60 horses on the streets of Tipton alone. Others have been roaming in and around Dudley and Moxley and on the Wolverhampton-Sandwell border.

Representatives of Wolverhampton City Council have already met officers from Sandwell while police and local authority bosses in Dudley are about to reveal a plan of action.

Councillor Derek Rowley, Sandwell Council's neighbourhoods chief, said: "Our first priority is getting a group of around 10 horses that are roaming free and causing imminent danger to the public off the streets. We will then be entering into discussions with more reasonable horse owners."

Former scrap metal collector Vernon Farrington, aged 56, has four cob horses tethered in Tipton. The father-of-two, of Summer Road, Tipton said: "I agree with the council that the stray horses need to be moved, but I don't see what the problem is with the tethered horses."

Vernon Farrington, front, from Tipton, with fellow horse owner Chris Wright

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Editor Bronwen is the talk of the papers for civic win

THE WOMAN who leads a "talking" newspaper and magazine that brings "light to a dark tunnel" for 260 blind and partially-sighted people clinched a major Dudley civic award, thanks to an online vote by the people of the borough.

Almost 600 votes were cast for the four people and organisations nominated for the Mayor's Award. And the winner was Bronwen Hall, coordinator of the Stourbridge-based Black Country Talking Newspaper and Magazine.

Five other Civic Awards were also presented on Tuesday, March 22.

The Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Peter Miller handed them out for sport, the arts, community spirit, education and a "special project".

Mrs Hall, of Kidderminster, coordinates the 10 volunteers who work for the talking newspaper, which provides an audio news and information service for people with sight loss.

Bronwen Hall receiving her award from the Mayor, Councillor Peter Miller

Founder

The newspaper is based at the Pocklington Resource Centre, in Oldswinford. One of its listeners commented: "You bring some light to a dark tunnel."

Councillor Miller had nominated Mrs Hall as well as Asima Khalid, founder of Apni Zaroorat, a community organisation in Lye, Pat Randle, who launched the St Andrew's Residents Trust (StART) in Netherton, and Kingswinford-based Chatback Productions, which involves teenagers in foster care making films about the issues that affect them.

The Duncan Edwards award for sport went to Shahzada Saleem, from Kingswinford.

The Cedric Hardwicke award for arts, was won by Lindsay Newton, of Kingswinford, chairman of Dudley Arts Council. The Frank Foley award for community spirit went to David Harcourt, driving force behind the annual Stourbridge in Bloom bid.

The Thomas Attwood award for education winner was Anne Penn, head at St James's Church of England Primary School, Wollaston.

The special project award went to Claire Starmer-Jones, development officer for Dudley Performing Arts.

Full list of award winners

Back from left, Anne Penn, Barbara Perks, Alan Hackett, Claire Starmer-Jones, Lindsay Newton, David Harcourt and Elsie Maybury. Front, Shahzada Saleem, Mayoress Hilary Miller, Mayor Peter Miller, Joanne Gresswell and Bronwen Hall.

Duncan Edwards Award for Sport

SHAHZADA Saleem, aged 45, who owns Sedgley-based Beacon Taxis and lives in Ploverdale Crescent, Kingswinford, last July made a heavyweight return to the Asian sport of "stone lifting" – beating the world record he set 14 years earlier.

He lifted a stone, weighted with lead, weighing 210kg – 10kg more than his 1996 record – in front of 10,000 people in Manchester.

Shahzada said: "I've got lots of gold medals but this civic award is worth more to me than all of them."

Cedric Hardwicke Award for Arts

Lindsay Newton, aged 62, of Cot Lane, Kingswinford, is chairman of Dudley Arts Council and was, for 10 years, head of development of children's services for Dudley Council, until he retired 18 months ago.

He had previously been a music teacher and was head of the arts faculty at Coseley School. His services to the arts include gaining funding for Dormston Theatre and Arts Centre in Sedgley.

Frank Foley Award for Community Spirit

David Harcourt, of Pedmore, Stourbridge, has spearheaded Stourbridge's successes in winning a silver, two silver gilt and three gold awards in the Heart of England region of Britain in Bloom.

He is manager of Waitrose supermarket in Stourbridge and organises the town's annual carnival.

Thomas Attwood Award for Education

Anne Penn, aged 59, headteacher for 27 years at St James's Church of England Primary School, in Wollaston, Stourbridge, will retire in July after a total of 38 years as a teacher.

She was previously deputy head at Quarry Bank Middle School and started her career at The Brook Primary in Wordsley.

Miss Penn, who lives in Wollaston, is the longest serving headteacher in the borough.

She said: "I was speechless when I heard I had won this award."

Special Project Award

Claire Starmer-Jones, aged 41, of Bridgnorth Road, Wolverhampton, led the Brierley Hill Pony Trail project last year, which saw a total of 30 decorated fibre glass horses placed at various points along the roads of the town.

Mrs Starmer-Jones is arts development officer for Dudley Performing Arts and organised the pony trail with the Brierley Hill Arts and Culture Group, encouraging local schools, colleges and individuals to decorate the fibre glass models to brighten up a route around the town.

"We worked with local artists, who went into the organisations to guide them as they painted or decorated the ponies with mosaic or, in one case, little mirrors," she said.

Mayor's Award

Bronwen Hall, co-ordinator of the Black Country Talking Newspaper and Magazine for the last four years.

Besides co-ordinating the 10 volunteers she acts as editor, deciding what news to feature on the CDs that are sent to 260 blind or partially sighted listeners.

Mrs Hall, who lives in Kidderminster, said she was glad to be working at the talking newspaper after a career change from librarian – and to be based in Stourbridge, where she was educated at Gigmill Primary and the former Stourbridge Girls High.

Accused motorist is bailed

A MAN has been released on police bail after being charged with drink-driving and taking a car without permission.

The 27-year-old was stopped and questioned by police as he drove a Vauxhall Corsa along the Northway, Sedgley, at around 9.45pm on Saturday.

He will appear at Dudley Magistrates Court on April 5 to face charges of drink-driving, taking a car without permission, driving without insurance and driving without a licence.

Sgt Rob Simpson, from the Sedgley and Gornal neighbourhood police team, said: "We are regularly patrolling the areas of Sedgley and Gornal, particularly of a weekend, in order to ensure that people remain safe and comply with the law."

He added that police would prosecute anyone allegedly caught committing a drink-drive offence.

Beauty title date is set

THE winner of a regional beauty contest will be announced early next month.

Voting in the Miss Black Country 2011 competition is now closed.

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Double Dutch down at zoo

Keeper Stephanie Sawyer with Marlotte Van Scherpenzeel and Emma Hagenbarth

FIFTY students from Holland had a double Dutch delight during a visit to Dudley Zoo.

Fifty animal care students met 20-year-old Marlotte Van Scherpenzeel and 19-year-old Emma Hagenbarth, from Greenhurst Collage, Barneveld in Holland, who are working as volunteers at the zoo until May.

Departments

Dudley Zoo's head of presentation David Riley said: "We showed them what goes on behind the scenes."

Marlotte and Emma, who are staying in Wolverhampton along with a third Dutch student, Anne Van Alem, are working in all the zoo's animal departments.

Wrecking spree man smashed up six cars

A ROAD layer went on a wrecking spree causing hundreds of pounds of damage to cars in Upper Gornal, a court heard. Jamie Batham, aged 24, left behind a "catalogue of destruction".

He attacked vehicles parked outside the Pensioners' Club and Labour Club in Kent Street. Six cars were left with smashed windows and windscreens during the spate of vandalism during the early hours of October 28, Dudley Magistrates' Court was told.

Batham pleaded guilty at a previous hearing to six charges of criminal damage and was in court for sentence.

Mr Barry Sealeaf, prosecuting, said police had been called at around 3.40am. "They received a 999 call from someone saying a young man was throwing bricks at vehicles," he said.

Police arrived to find a Peugeot car with smashed windows and the defendant a short distance away making a call in a phone box. He told officers he knew nothing about the vandalism.

Blackouts

Police let him go but later found a damaged Vauxhall Corsa on the Pensioners' Club car park and four cars with smashed windows on the Labour Club car park in Kent Street. Batham's DNA was found on one of the cars, Mr Sealeaf told the court.

Mr Simon Hamblett, defending, said Batham, of Edmund Road, Upper Gornal, had been suffering from blackouts and did not know why he had attacked the cars.

Magistrate Mrs Mary Yeates ordered Batham to pay a total of £1,030 compensation – the cost of the damage – to his victims.

She said: "We are faced with quite a catalogue of destruction.

"When people suffer damage to their cars, they have to call on their insurance and have to pay more on their premiums. It has a huge impact on the victims," she added.

Batham was also made the subject of a 12-month community order including a one-to-one victim awareness session so he could understand the consequences of his actions.

James pumped up over record

A BLACK Country father-of-two has set a new world record and raised thousands of pounds for charity after successfully lifting more than 500 tons in a 24-hour weight lifting challenge.

James Fernihough, aged 37, of Blossomfield Close, Kingswinford, has so far raised £11,000 for Sedgley's Beacon Centre for the Blind through the challenge.

Wolves legend Steve Bull, whose charity foundation sponsored the final hour, was on hand to watch Mr Fernihough complete the bid on March 16-17.

The accounts manager started lifting weights at Paragon Gym, Kingswinford, at 9am and continued through the night.

His original aim was to lift 250 tons but he had accomplished this by 9.30pm and decided to carry on. He lifted 507 tons in all – a new world record. The event was sponsored by a different company per hour.

He said: "My aim was always to go for the world record and I am pleased I have been able to accomplish this.

"But the main thing was raising this money for charity."

James with his daughter, Lily-Mai, and Steve Bull after his fundraising event

Club members rally to help tsunami victims

BLACK COUNTRY folk are raising cash to help clothe 600 tsunami victims in Japan.

A Dudley Rotary Club member's friendship with a koi carp fan has led to a drive to send money for villagers of Utatsu, Minamisanriku. Andrew Glazzard, managing director of a Dudley architectural metalwork firm, said: "These 600 people were left in only the clothes they stand up in and are now living together in a gymnasium, where they could be for up to 18 months.

"The only water they have is for drinking and cooking – and they are absolutely desperate for underwear, as well as cleansing wipes, toothpaste and toothbrushes."

Mr Glazzard, aged 50, of Mount Road, Wombourne, has a mutual interest in koi carp with Mark Gardner, who lives and works in Japan as a photo journalist.

Mr Gardner went to Minamisanriku and publicised the plight of the 600 on website www.niigata-nishikigoi.com

Mr Glazzard gave a presentation to Rotary members and a collection raised £325 to add to a £500 donation from the club's "fast reaction" fund.

Leek show is saved

LEEK growers are celebrating the saving of a Black Country event.

Sandwell Council's decision to keep backing the Sandwell Community Show will also save the Midland Leek Show, which runs alongside it.

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Councils get the pothole figures as Government doubles funding

COUNCILS now know how much cash they will have to repair potholes as the Government doubled the amount of extra funding.

Across the country £200million of funding has been offered to local authorities compared to the £100m initially announced last month.

Black Country councils are getting around £500,000 each while Staffordshire will get £4.2m.

Dudley gets £725,151 while Sandwell's figure is £517,935.

Transport Secretary Philip Hammond has written to all English local highway authorities to inform them of their share.

Last month the Department for Transport announced it was making available £100m as an exceptional payment to help with much-needed road repairs following another winter of severe weather.

This extra funding was made possible due to savings the department made earlier in the financial year.

Mr Hammond said: "Potholes are a menace to all road users and I want councils to make fixing them a priority.

"That is why, when more funding became available, I agreed with the Chancellor that we would double the amount of money we are providing for repairs to be carried out.

"This represents a significant investment in road maintenance at a time of severe fiscal restraint."

Councillor Peter Bilson, Wolverhampton's transport chief, said: "Roads which have had heavy use are ones that we would want to prioritise.

"Our inspectors will need to make assessments and decide which ones need to be done first."

Work was recently carried out to fill in potholes in Willenhall Road.

Now the stray ponies bed down at hospital

PEOPLE have been warning for months they are an accident waiting to happen. And three of the dozens of stray horses roaming the Dudley borough have turned up outside the accident and emergency unit at Russells Hall Hospital.

One patient who needed her hand x-rayed delayed going in because she was worried about the ponies and started phoning the RSPCA, police and Dudley Council for help.

Others, who felt sorry for the animals, fed them apples. Anxious parents ushered their children away as they tried to pet them on March 22.

"I saw one car drive straight at them and I shouted at the driver to slow down because the horses were spooked," said Melanie Davies, a health and safety consultant, of Collins Close, Quinton.

"All three ponies looked thin and were not in good condition and one had an injury to his back leg.

"I hurt my hand a few weeks ago and arrived to get it x-rayed but I spent ages phoning the RSPCA, the police and the council before I went in.

"I feel irate because I gather these horses are wandering around all the time but the RSPCA, council and police will not do anything.

Child

"Do we have to wait for a child to be hurt or an animal involved in a serious accident for something to be done?"

Councillor Steve Waltho, who is also a governor of Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust, said: "The problem of stray horses is reaching farcical proportions.

"I was out for a social drink in Wordsley on Sunday and saw six horses that had been locked into the grounds of The Mere education centre.

"I raised the problem at the select committee on the environment on Monday night."

John Millar, director of urban environment at Dudley Council, said: "Extensive work is ongoing behind the scenes and we have been working closely with the police to deal with the strays."

A pony takes a break outside A&E at Russells Hall Hospital

Stable condition? Two ponies enjoy a grassed area outside A&E

Infection ended in tragedy

AN UPHOLSTERER from Dudley died suddenly, aged just 34, after an infection caused her heart to stop, a court heard.

Sarah Jukes, of Golden Hillock Road, had been suffering from flu symptoms for three days before her death, the inquest was told.

Her family said she had been feeling better on December 18 but was found dead by her partner later that day at their home.

Pathologist Dr Sixto Batitang told the hearing on March 24 at Dudley Coroner's Court that there had been inflamed cells in Miss Jukes's heart.

He said an infection, possibly a viral one, had put pressure on her heart.

The cause of the infection was not known and Dr Batitang recorded her cause of death as sudden cardiac death.

Black Country coroner Robin Balmain recorded a verdict of death by natural causes.

Sporting chance

MORE THAN 300 students arrived at Stourbridge's Old Swinford Hospital school to celebrate a festival of sports.

The state boarding school was the venue for the event which put students' sporting skills to the test.

Pupils had the chance to compete alongside 11 schools from across the country in sports ranging from netball to football.

Many of the events made use of the school's new sports facilities including the all-weather pitches. An awards ceremony was held at the end of the day in the Foleyan Centre.

Tribute band to go Public

PINK FLOYD tribute band Darkside plays The Public in West Bromwich next month.

The Wolverhampton-based tribute band appears on April 9.

Tenants get say

COUNCIL house tenants in Dudley are being urged to sign up to have their say on how services are run.

The council is recruiting tenant members for its five area housing panels – Brierley Hill, Dudley, Halesowen, North Dudley and Stourbridge.

The panels meet regularly, usually every other month, to discuss housing issues. Anyone interested in being a panel member should call 01384 815168 or email participation@dudley.gov.uk

Charity gets £100,000 aid

A CHARITY which offers shelter to female victims of violence in the Black Country has been handed more than £100,000 under David Cameron's Big Society initiative.

Sandwell Women's Aid, based in Oldbury, offers counselling, emergency accommodation and a 24-hour helpline to women in the region.

Bosses at the charity, which has been running for 25 years, say the additional cash will help secure its long-term future.

Sara Ward, executive director of Sandwell Women's Aid, said she was "delighted" with the £108,000 donation.

She said: "The organisation has grown and changed a lot in the 25 years it has been running.

"This money will be an opportunity to invest in the future to ensure we can offer the best services."

The cash grant has come from the Government's transition fund, which was set up in October's spending review.

Vital

Cabinet office minister Francis Maude said the work of Sandwell Women's Aid was "vital".

It is part of more than £1million which has been paid out to charitable organisations in the Midlands.

Other groups to benefit include two which support the Bangladeshi community in the Black Country.

French in rail challenge

TWO COMPANIES, including the French national rail service, will team up to challenge Virgin Trains for the right to run services along the West Coast Main Line.

The franchise for the line which connects the West Midlands with London and Scotland is up for renewal next year. The Department for Transport has confirmed that Keolis SNCF West Coast is being invited to bid.

Alistair Gordon, chief executive of Keolis UK, said: 'We are delighted to be qualified for the next stage.'

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MALE 39, solvent, no ties, seeks special lady, 29-39, N/S for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362509**

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Love still burns as diamonds really are forever

Samuel and Betty Cox of Kingswinford

Samuel and Betty on their Big Day

"There's never been anyone else for me"

Sparkling marriages prove double delight

DIAMONDS are forever and that is certainly the case for two couple in Dudley who have celebrated 60 years of married bliss.

Samuel and Betty Cox, from Kingswinford, and Jean and Horace Smith, of Dudley have marked their diamond wedding anniversaries.

Both couples were married on the same day but at different churches in 1951. Childhood sweethearts Mr and Mrs Cox first met when they were 14 and, now aged 82, have been by each other's side ever since.

The couple were pupils at Tiled House Lane senior school in Pensnett when they caught each other's eye.

"We've been together ever since – there has never been anyone else for me," said Mrs Cox. They were married at St Mark's Church in Pensnett on March 17 1951. They have a son, Steven, 53, two granchildren, Andrew 28 and Stuart 24 and three-year-old great-grandaughter Danielle.

Mr Cox, an engineer, ran his own company called Fabrications for 30 years while Mrs Cox worked in social services at Dudley Council.

Mrs Cox said the secret to a long and happy marriage was to never go to bed on an argument.

Friends

Meanwhile, a chance mee-ting at a mutual friend's wedding led to 60 years of happy marriage for Mr and Mrs Smith.

They were at Cradley Heath Labour Club when they got talking.

They had never met – despite having some of the same friends – and immediately "hit it off".

He walked her home and three years later they were married at St Peter's Church in Cradley.

Mr Smith, 87, said: "I never expected when I first spoke to her that it would last this long. It's all about give and take."

Mr Smith spent five years in the armed services, serving in Hong Kong and France, before leaving in 1947 and becoming an engineer.

He worked at Burton, Delingpole and Co in Old Hill for 35 years, while his wife, now 80, packed chocolates at Cadbury's in Bournville.

They now have two sons, Paul and Martin, three grandsons and one granddaughter.

The couple on their wedding day

"I never expected for it to last this long . . ."

Jean and Horace Smith of Dudley

£500,000 improvements for Metro

A £500,000 investment will see upgrades to CCTV, public address systems and customer help-points on the Midland Metro.

Announcements should be clearer with an improved public address system as well as there being new help point services on trams and in stations.

The firm is also investing in a new CCTV control system that will allow security staff to manoeuvre cameras from the control room. Midland Metro manager Fred Roberts told a meeting at Sandwell Council House: "This upgrade is due to be commissioned in early April and will greatly improve the communication systems on the tram system."

Temporary

The upgrade will be rolled out throughout April so passengers should see very little disruption to services, security and safety on the trams and at stations. Mr Roberts added this year the company also plans to upgrade the systems which monitor the voltage to high level overhead lines.

In a separate £400,000 programme, Midland Metro will also be carrying out major engineering works between April 17 to 20 which will result in the temporary closure of the line between Wolverhampton St George's and Wednesbury Parkway.

During the works, passengers who need to travel between Wolverhampton St George's and Wednesbury Parkway can use Midland Metro tickets on the 79 and 126 National Express bus services

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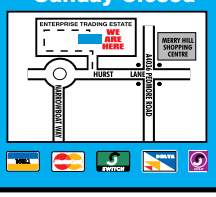

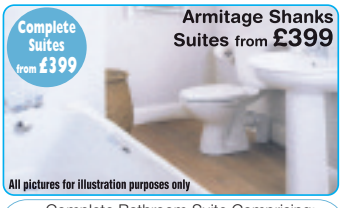

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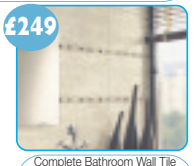

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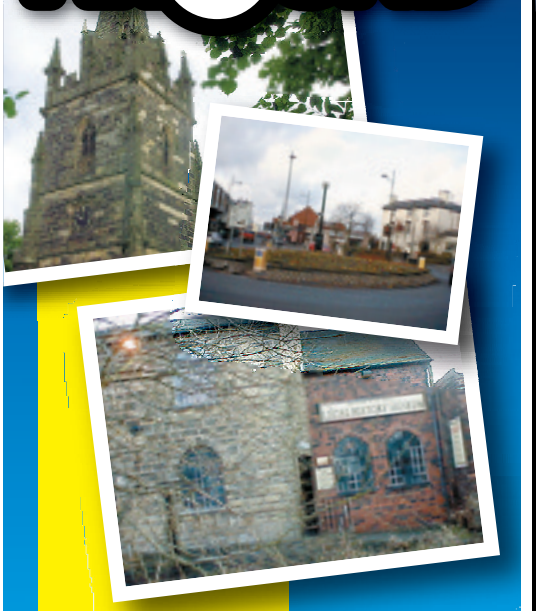

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We now have a better understanding of why some people tend to age much faster than others. There is a large body of scientific evidence that suggests that we can slow down and even reverse the symptoms of aging. In fact many of us can be in better health in our 70s than we were in our 50s.

Recent studies indicate that between the ages of 30-70 many of the symptoms and conditions that were traditionally associated with normal ageing are in fact the result of sedentary lifestyles.

Keeping fit has health benefits, can be fun and is also a good way to make new friends

Energetic

Evaluating one's strength, endurance, mobility and cardio-vascular-pulmonary performance before and after a one-month period of complete bed rest can be equated to 30 years of aging.

The good news is that regular exercise incorporated into our lifestyle can improve our heart and respiratory function, lower our blood pressure, increase our strength, improve bone density, improve flexibility, quicken our reaction time, reduce body fat, increase muscle mass, and reduce our susceptibility to depression and disease.

Studies have shown that regular exercise by middle aged and elderly people can set back the clock 20-40 years when compared to those who do little or no exercise.

Test results show that no matter when a person starts to exercise, significant improvement can be achieved. In one study of more than 200 men and women aged 56-87, 'dramatic changes' were observed after just six weeks of exercising three to five times a week. Study participants became as fit and energetic as people 20-30 years younger.

Among once-sedentary women in their 50s who participated in an aerobic dance program for six years, fitness improved by 23 per cent and they experienced none of the functional declines typically seen with increasing age.

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Comparing bone loss among women in their 80s. With those women who did seated exercises for 30 minutes, three times a week for three years, bone mineral actually increased by 2.29 per cent, whereas in a similar group of inactive women, bone loss averaged 3.28 per cent.

Various studies have shown that when our bones are taxed from exercise they grow stronger and denser and more resistant to fracture Aerobic exercise has been shown to enhance blood flow to various parts of the brain as well as to increase the speed with which nerve messages travel through the brain.

In a study among previously sedentary middle aged men who took part in a four- month exercise and fitness program, a significant improvement was noted in the mental processes controlled by the part of the brain (left hemisphere) responsible for logical reasoning. The men who exercised three times per week, were compared on 10 tests of mental ability to a similar group of men who remained sedentary.

In a study recently published in the Annals of Internal Medicine, older adults who exercised at least three times a week were 38 percent less likely to develop Alzheimer's disease, which causes a slow, irreversible decline in brain function.

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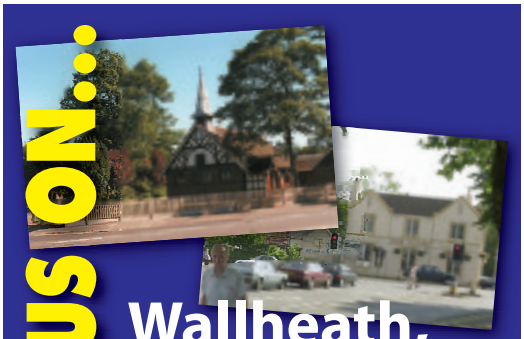

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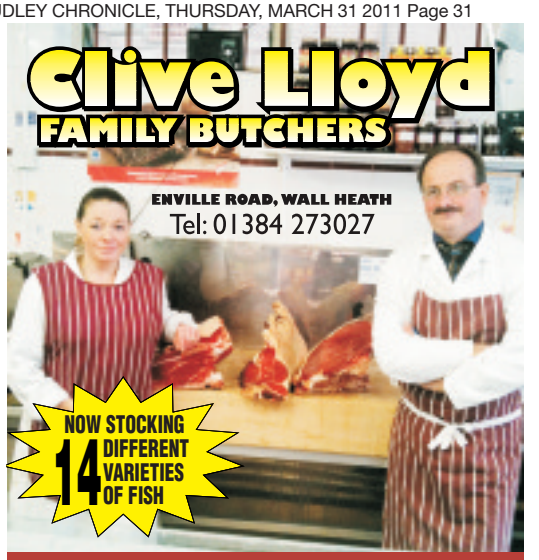

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BBC1, 8.25pm

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **11.45** Football Focus. **12.30** Match of the Day Live. Leeds United v Nottingham Forest (Kick-off 12.45pm). **2.55** Film: Galaxy Quest. (1999) Sci-fi comedy, starring Tim Allen. **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** All New Total Wipeout: The Awards.

6.30 So You Think You Can Dance. The last round of auditions takes place, but judges Louise Redknapp and Sisco Gomez argue over a dancer's distinctive look.
7.30 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. A man and his mother-in-law take part in the high-tension quiz show presented by Nick Knowles in which contestants have the opportunity to win £100,000.
8.25 Casualty. Ruth realises she can still be a doctor – despite her bipolar diagnosis – after learning former mentor Sarah Evans has OCD, while Dylan Keogh is threatened with a lawsuit.
9.15 Live at the Apollo. Stand-up comedy from the Hammersmith Apollo. (R)
10.00 BBC News; Weather.
10.20 Match of the Day. Including West Ham United v Manchester United; National Lottery Update.
11.45 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games; Weatherview.

1.10 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Coast. (R) **12.15** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **1.00** Film: The Prince and the Showgirl. (1957) Romantic comedy, with Laurence Olivier and Marilyn Monroe. **2.55** Priceless Antiques Roadshow. (R) **3.25** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.25** Flog It! (R) **4.55** Film: Carry On Again, Doctor. (1969) Comedy, starring Sid James.

6.20 Dad's Army. A bomb lands on the bank. (R)
6.50 Welsh Greats.
7.20 The Last Goon Show of All. Comedy, with Peter Sellers, Harry Secombe and Spike Milligan. (R)
8.00 Edward VII: Prince of Pleasure. Documentary drawing on research to unravel the mystery of a monarch who has been described as a sex addict, an astute political operator and a boorish philistine. (R)
9.00 Goldie's Band: By Royal Appointment. The 12 chosen youngsters develop their performance and composing skills by taking part in intensive masterclasses and workshops with music industry experts.
10.00 The Tudors. Henry is troubled by visions. Last in the series.
10.55 Nurse Jackie. Mrs Akalitus offers Eddie his job back.
11.25 ICC Cricket World Cup Highlights. The final at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, India.

12.25 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. (R) **12.55** Film: The Rainbow. (1988) Period drama, starring Sammi Davis and Paul McGann. **2.40** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** Coronation Street. **11.45** This Morning: Saturday. **12.45** Monk. **1.40** ITV News; Weather. **1.45** You've Been Framed! (R) **2.15** Film: Like Mike. (2002) Children's fantasy adventure, starring Bow Wow. **4.05** Film: Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles. (2001) Comedy adventure sequel, starring Paul Hogan. **5.45** Regional Programmes. **5.55** ITV News; Weather.

6.10 New You've Been Framed!
6.40 Harry Hill's TV Burp Compilation.
7.10 Ant & Dec's Push the Button. Last week's winning family returns to take on a new set of challengers, with the teams hoping to hold on to as much of their allocated £100,000 as possible. Last in the series.
8.25 Live Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: Mother's Day Special. Chris Tarrant hosts as David Walliams and his mother Kathleen take part in a special charity edition with Olly Murs and his mum Vicky, and Patsy Palmer and her son Charley.
9.40 FILM: Wanted. (2008) Premiere. A man joins a secret society of assassins that kills people destined to commit acts of evil. Action adventure, starring James McAvoy, Angelina Jolie.
11.45 ITV News; Weather.

12.00 The Zone. ITV News Headlines. **2.05** Swingtown. (R) **2.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 Sali Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** FIM Superbike World Championship. (R) **7.30** The Grid. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** T4: Friends. (R) **9.30** T4: Rio: T4 Movie Special. **10.00** T4: Friends. (R) **10.30** T4: Glee. **11.25** T4: Great British Hairdresser. **12.30** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** The Secret Supper Club. **4.25** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.00 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. Farmer's son John Beachell hosts the final dinner party in East Yorkshire. (R)
6.30 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv. The role God might play in natural disasters.
7.00 River Cottage Every Day. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall rejuvenates the working-week lunch. (R)
8.00 Seven Ages of Britain. The fifth age of Britain, beginning in 1066. (R)
9.00 FILM: The Transporter 2. (2005) Action thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham.
10.35 Stand Up for the Week. Satirical comedy show, hosted by Kevin Bridges.
11.25 FILM: Nine to Five. (1980) Comedy, starring Dolly Parton and Jane Fonda.

1.30 Sex in the 80s: Pop Sex. (R) **2.25** Privileged. (R) **3.50** Ugly Betty. (R) **4.35** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.00** Countdown. (R) **5.45** Yo Gabba Gabba! (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Meals in Moments. **10.10** Fifth Gear. (R) **10.40** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.40** Megastructures: Extreme Bridge Demolition. (R) **12.45** Film: Up Periscope. (1959) Adventure, with James Garner. **2.55** Film: The Sea Chase. (1955) Adventure, starring John Wayne. **5.05** Film: Anzio. (1968) Drama, starring Robert Mitchum.

7.20 5 News Weekend.
7.25 NCIS. A blind man unwittingly photographs evidence of a murder, leading Jethro and the team to the corpse of a petty officer who was stabbed with a knife left at the scene. (R)
8.20 CSI: Grissom's Greatest. William Petersen highlights some of Gil Grissom's most heroic moments, beginning as the team struggles to piece together events leading to the murder of a showgirl. (R)
9.15 CSI: NY. The investigators find three bodies when they arrive at the scene of an accident involving a truck full of revellers. Drama, starring Gary Sinise.
10.15 CSI: Miami. The mother of Horatio's son Kyle is involved in a murder. (R)
11.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Two bodies are found buried under tar at a building site. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** Meals in Moments. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
3.50 American Idol **6.45** Film: Back to the Future (1985) Sci-fi comedy adventure, starring Michael J Fox. **9.00** Film: Magicians (2007) A conjuring double act who became bitter rivals are forced to bury the hatchet to compete in an international competition. Comedy, starring David Mitchell. **10.55** Celebrity Juice **11.40** Film: Daylight (1996)

ITV3
3.50 Foyle's War **6.00** Inspector Morse **8.00** Rosemary & Thyme **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.05** Murder in Suburbia

ITV4
1.55 Film: The Big Country (1958) **5.15** Film: Dunkirk (1958) **8.00** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors **9.00** Ultimate Force **10.30** Film: First Blood (1982) A Vietnam veteran escapes unjust imprisonment and flees into the wilderness, where he fights the law on his own terms. Action thriller, with Sylvester Stallone.

BBC THREE
7.00 Top Gear **8.00** Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes **10.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **10.45** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad!

BBC FOUR
7.00 Nature's Great Events **8.00** Al Murray's German Adventure **9.00** Spiral **10.50** Twenty Twelve **11.20** Women in Love

E4
1.25 Hollyoaks **4.00** Make It or Break It **4.55** Friends **6.00** Glee **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.55** Friends **9.00** Rude Tube **10.00** Film: Predator 2 (1990) A tough cop investigating a series of gruesome murders discovers it is the work of an alien that kills for sport. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Danny Glover and Bill Paxton.

FILM4
2.55 Baby's Day Out (1994) **4.50** Batman (1966) **6.55** The Eagle Special **7.05** Turner & Hooch (1989) **9.00** PS I Love You (2007) **11.25** A History of Violence (2005)

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ITV1, 7pm

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks. **12.00** The Politics Show. **1.05** EastEnders. **3.00** Bargain Hunt. **3.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** Points of View. **4.45** Songs of Praise. **5.30** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 Regional Programme.
6.30 The Boat That Guy Built. (R)
7.00 Countryfile. A visit to the Yorkshire Wolds, where Julia Bradbury watches one of England's oldest horse races and Matt Baker witnesses seabirds arrive for the start of the breeding season. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The experts return to the British Museum, where items brought in by members of the public include photos of a young Elvis Presley and a pot that is not as ancient as it seems.
9.00 Waking the Dead. Part one of two. The team investigates the death of a terror suspect.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Imagine: The Trouble with Tolstoy. Conclusion. Alan Yentob retraces the author's troubled later years.
11.25 FILM: The Last Station. (2009) Premiere. Period drama, starring James McAvoy.

1.10 The Sky at Night; Weatherview. **1.35** Sign Zone: MasterChef. (R) **2.35** Holby City. (R) **3.35** Men of Rock. (R) **4.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** MasterChef. (R) **12.30** Live MotoGP. The Spanish Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.05** Film: Viva Knievel! (1977) Motorcycling adventure, starring Evel Knievel. **3.45** Film: The Gumball Rally. (1976) Car-race comedy, starring Michael Sarrazin. **5.30** The Truth About Lions. (R)

6.30 Jackie Stewart: The Flying Scot. Portrait of the former racing driver, winner of three Formula One World Championships, chronicling his early career and subsequent role as an internationally respected businessman. Previously shown on BBC4.
8.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson and Richard Hammond debate which company has made the greatest number of exceptional cars, and Radio 2 DJ Chris Evans is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car. (R)
9.00 Louis Theroux: America's Most Hated Family in Crisis. The reporter pays a return visit to the Westboro Baptist Church.
10.00 Match of the Day 2. Manchester City v Sunderland and Fulham v Blackpool.
11.00 Football League Trophy Final. Brentford v Carlisle.
11.40 FILM: Awaydays. (2009) Premiere. Drama, with Stephen Graham.

1.20 BBC News. **4.35** The Super League Show. **5.05** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.25** House Gift. (R) **11.30** This Morning: Sunday. **12.30** Dinner Date. (R) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.35** Film: Columbo: Old Fashioned Murder. (1976) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.05** Torvill and Dean's Dancing on Ice Tour 2010. (R) **4.05** Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.10 Harry Hill's TV Burp Compilation. Classics skits and quips from past series. (R)
6.35 Regional Programmes.
6.45 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 The Cube. New series. A firefighter and a dustman take part in the game show, completing tasks within the confines of a large cube in a bid to win £250,000. Phillip Schofield hosts.
8.00 Lewis. New series. A college reunion takes a tragic turn when a guest is found murdered, and Lewis calls in a former colleague to help investigate a possible link to a 10-year-old case.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.15 FILM: The Bucket List. (2008) Two terminally ill men plan to enjoy the time they have left by working through a list of things they have always wanted to do. Comedy, starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman.

12.05 Premiership Rugby Union. **12.50** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Film: DOA: Dead or Alive. (2006) Adventure, with Jaime Pressly. **3.25** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freesports on 4. **7.30** Crunchtime. **7.55** T4: The Crush. **8.25** T4: Friends. (R) **8.55** T4: Friends. (R) **9.25** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.55** T4: Glee. (R) **12.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **4.25** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** Time Team.

6.30 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv. The role of God in natural disasters.
7.00 Come Dine with Me. A woman with a penchant for risque conversation takes on a landlady, a fitness fanatic and a member of a Take That tribute band as the dinner party challenge heads to Worcester.
8.00 Civilization: Is the West History? Niall Ferguson examines the roots of modern consumerism, and asks whether the global dominance of the West's big brands and major corporations could be coming to an end.
9.00 Country House Rescue. A stately home that has been in its owner's family since the 11th century.
10.00 FILM: The Magdalene Sisters. (2002) Drama, starring Geraldine McEwan.

12.15 Film: Lost in Translation. (2003) Comedy drama, starring Bill Murray. **2.05** Amelia and Michael. (R) **2.15** Never Did Me Any Harm. (R) **3.15** The Play's the Thing. (R) **4.10** Without a Trace. (R) **4.55** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.40** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **6.50** The Beeps. (R) **7.00** Mio Mao. (R) **7.10** Chiro. (R) **7.15** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **7.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Hana's Helpline. (R) **8.30** Family! (R) **8.40** Milkshake Monkey. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Olivia. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) **10.00** Nigel Marven's Rhino Adventure. (R) **11.05** Andre Rieu in New York. **12.05** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.05** Emergency Bikers. (R) **2.05** Film: Prince Charming. (2001) Fairy-tale fantasy, starring Sean Maguire. **3.50** Film: 13 Going on 30. (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Garner and Mark Ruffalo. **5.45** 5 News Weekend. **5.50** Film: High School Musical 3: Senior Year. (2008) Premiere. Teen musical sequel, starring Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens.

8.10 FILM: Just Married. (2003) Romantic comedy, with Brittany Murphy, Ashton Kutcher, Christian Kane and David Moscow.
10.00 FILM: Two Weeks Notice. (2002) Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Hugh Grant.

12.00 The Simon Cowell Factor. (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** Meals in Moments. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
4.20 The Only Way Is Essex **5.50** Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) **8.00** Kerry Katona – The Next Chapter **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Film: Batman (1989) Comic-book adventure, with Michael Keaton and Jack Nicholson.

ITV3
3.45 Pollyanna **5.45** Film: Forever Young (1992) **7.50** An Audience with Michael Buble **9.00** Film: City of Angels (1998) Romantic fantasy, starring Nicolas Cage, Meg Ryan and Dennis Franz. **11.15** Jane Eyre

ITV4
11.00 British Touring Car Championship. The opening round of the season at the Brands Hatch Circuit. **6.00** Film: Brewster's Millions (1985) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Nighthawks (1981) Action adventure, starring Sylvester Stallone. **11.00** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors

BBC THREE
7.00 The World's Strictest Parents **8.00** Junior Doctors: Your Life in Their Hands **9.00** Police Academy UK **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** White Van Man

BBC FOUR
7.00 Come Clog Dancing – Treasures of English Folk Dance **8.00** The Eiger: Wall of Death **9.00** Re-Trial by TV: The Rise and Fall of Rough Justice **10.00** The Highest Court in the Land: Justice Makers **11.00** Eyewitness

E4
3.05 Make It or Break It **4.05** Film: Big Momma's House 2 (2006) **6.00** Friends **7.30** 90210 **8.25** Friends **10.00** Film: The Hole (2001)

FILM4
3.10 Genevieve (1953) **4.50** Just My Luck (2006) **6.50** 4Films For **6.55** The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (2003) **9.00** The Sum of All Fears (2002) Thriller, starring Ben Affleck. **11.20** The Breed (2006)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Real Rescues. (R) 3.00 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 3.45 Flog It! (R) 4.30 Pointless. 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart. (R) 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 Lambing Live. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Louis Theroux: America's Most Hated Family in Crisis. (R) 12.20 An Island Parish. (R) 12.50 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Britain's Best Dish. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Dales. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Law & Order: UK. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Real Crime: A Shot in the Dark. (R) 11.35 River Monsters. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 UEFA Champions League Weekly. 3.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.55 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.05 Sali Mali. (R) 6.10 Max Bear. 6.25 The Hoobs. (R) 6.50 The Hoobs. (R) 7.15 Freshly Squeezed. 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.35 Friends. (R) 9.10 Supernanny USA. 10.00 Brothers & Sisters. 10.55 Relocation, Relocation. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 River Cottage Bites. 12.10 Jamie at Home. (R) 12.35 Film: Sea Wife. (1957) Second World War romantic adventure, starring Richard Burton and Joan Collins. 2.10 Cookery School. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Fern. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Dispatches: Cashing in on Degrees. 9.00 One Born Every Minute. (R) 10.00 Heston's 70s Feast. (R) 11.05 The Event. 12.05 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Introduces – Katy B. 12.20 Music on 4: 4Play: Gypsy and the Cat. 12.40 European Poker Tour. 1.35 Rome Wasn't Built in a Day. (R) 2.30 Royal Deaths and Diseases. (R) 3.25 Codex. (R) 4.20 The Bible: A History. (R) 5.15 Ugly Betty. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 The Blasters. (R) 12.05 The Family Recipe. (R) 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.20 House. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Chinese Food in Minutes. 3.15 Film: Recipe for Revenge. (1998) Crime drama, starring Corbin Bernsen. 5.00 5 News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 7.00 5 News at 7. 7.30 How Do They Do It?; 5 News Update. 8.00 The Gadget Show; 5 News at 9. 9.00 Film: Executive Decision. (1996) Action thriller, starring Kurt Russell. 11.45 Film: Undisputed. (2002) Boxing drama, starring Ving Rhames. 1.30 SuperCasino. 4.05 The FBI Files. (R) 4.55 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Neighbourhood Blues. Police in Kent attend a stake-out. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Britain's Empty Homes. 11.30 Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Justice. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 6.55 Party Political Broadcast. (R) 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Holby City. 9.00 Candy Cabs. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 See You in Court. 11.25 The World's Worst Place to Be Gay?; Weatherview. 12.30 Sign Zone: Michel Roux's Service. (R) 1.30 Bang Goes the Winter Weather Special. (R) 2.30 Who Does What? (R) 3.30 Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) 4.00 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 12.55 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.40 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.25 Real Rescues. (R) 2.55 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 3.40 Flog It! (R) 4.25 Pointless. 5.10 Escape to the Country. (R) 5.55 Party Political Broadcast. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart. (R) 8.00 Lambing Live. 9.00 Filthy Cities. 10.00 Later Live – with Jools Holland. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Film: Perfume: The Story of a Murderer. (2006) Period thriller, starring Ben Whishaw and Alan Rickman. 1.35 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 Max Bear. 6.25 The Hoobs. (R) 6.50 The Hoobs. (R) 7.15 Freshly Squeezed. 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.40 Friends. (R) 9.10 Supernanny USA. 10.00 Brothers & Sisters. 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Film: The Quiller Memorandum. (1966) Spy thriller, starring George Segal. 2.05 Cookery School. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. Game show, with Noel Edmonds. 5.00 Fern. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Supersize vs Superskinny. 9.00 Katie: My Beautiful Friends. 10.00 Campus. 11.10 Pete Versus Life. (R) 11.45 School of Comedy. 12.15 UK & Ireland Poker Tour. 1.15 Freesports on 4. (R) 1.40 The Grid. (R) 2.05 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 2.30 Sailing. (R) 2.55 ITU Triathlon World Cup Magazine. (R) 3.50 Beach Volleyball. (R) 4.45 Crunchtime. (R) 5.10 Full Metal Challenge. (R)

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Wednesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Neighbourhood Blues. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Britain's Empty Homes. 11.30 Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Justice. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. (R) 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 6.55 Party Election Broadcast. (R) 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 The Boat That Guy Built; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Waterloo Road. 9.00 MasterChef. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. 10.45 Would I Lie to You? (R) 11.15 Film: Just Friends. (2005) Romantic comedy, starring Ryan Reynolds and Amy Smart; National Lottery Update; Weatherview. 12.45 Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) 1.15 Country Tracks. (R) 2.15 Natural World. (R) 3.15 Baking Made Easy. (R) 3.45 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 4.15 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 Coast. (R) 1.40 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.25 Real Rescues. (R) 2.55 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 3.40 Flog It! (R) 4.25 Pointless. 5.10 Escape to the Country. 5.55 Party Election Broadcast. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart. (R) 8.00 Lambing Live. 9.00 The Crimson Petal and the White. 10.00 Have I Got Old News for You. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Golf: The Masters. 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Thursday

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 Racing from Aintree. The first day of the Grand National meeting. 4.30 Pointless. 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 5.55 Party Political Broadcast. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 David Attenborough's First Life. (R) 8.00 Lambing Live. 9.00 A History of Celtic Britain. 10.00 Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Filthy Cities. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Britain's Best Dish. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.25 Party Election Broadcast. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 The True Price of a Pint: Tonight. 8.00 Emmerdale. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Monroe. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Benidorm. (R) 11.35 Celebrity Grimefighters. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 British Touring Car Championship Highlights. 3.50 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 4.45 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 Max Bear. 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.50 The Hoobs. (R) 7.15 Freshly Squeezed. 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.35 Friends. (R) 9.05 Wife Swap USA. (R) 10.00 Brothers & Sisters. 10.55 The Restoration Man. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.15 Film: The Colditz Story. (1954) Second World War drama, starring John Mills. 2.05 Cookery School. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Fern. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Three in a Bed. 9.00 Dad's Having a Baby: A Bodyshock Special. 10.00 10 O'Clock Live. 11.05 Friday Night Dinner. (R) 11.35 The Ricky Gervais Show. 12.05 Music on 4: 4Play: The Kills. 12.25 Music on 4: On Track. (R) 12.40 Music on 4: The Crush. 1.35 Face of Britain. (R) 2.30 Dispatches: Cashing in on Degrees. (R) 3.20 Unreported World. (R) 3.45 Hill Street Blues. (R) 4.40 Ugly Betty. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Sufferers find it painful in the extreme (4)
3. Sort of residence that's desirable, being without tears (4-4)
9. Falls back again on the Royal Artillery (7)
10. Has to provide promises (5)
11. Fail to understand decimals correctly? (4,3,5)
13. Repast, perhaps, comes to a fine end (6)
15. A selfish characteristic, no argument about that (6)
17. But it's not what pyromaniacs suffer from! (7,5)
20. Shoot nothing before the rise, perhaps (5)
21. Some skyscraper turbulence to disturb you (7)
22. Reserve currency keeps one's place perhaps (8)
23. Something afoot when she holds a ring (4)

Down

1. He may warn his customers about overcharging! (8)
2. Mountain range in rural surroundings (5)
4. Cancels part of an order as essentially unjust (6)
5. Complete with food for the road (12)
6. Possibly re-unite a train (7)
7. Point the seat-out (4)
8. Gate-crasher (9-3)
12. It's lovely wandering abroad with the French (8)
14. Disease one itches strongly to have! (7)
16. His aim is to reduce the opposition one by one (6)
18. Guarantee a number will get over a painful sound (5)
19. Grave outcome of the atom bomb (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Compassion (4)
3. Tranquil (8)
9. Be a glutton (7)
10. Cherish (5)
11. Absurd (12)
13. Advent (6)
15. Beset (6)
17. Miraculous (12)
20. Throbbing (5)
21. Sincere (7)
22. Godliness (8)
23. Given new colour (4)

Down

1. Outlook (8)
2. Subject for discussion (5)
4. Property (6)
5. Promoting the same end (12)
6. Luck (7)
7. Ogle (4)
8. Public accusation (12)
12. Solitary (8)
14. Sickly-sentimental (7)
16. Purpose (6)
18. Emitting fumes (5)
19. Work (4)

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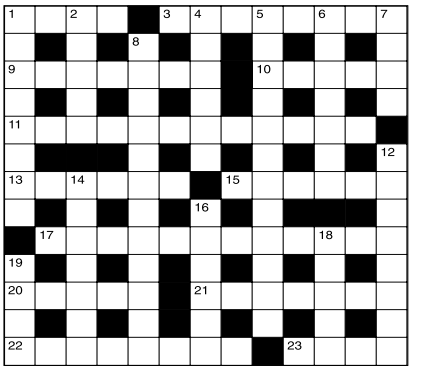

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Fall out; 7 Wheat; 9 Flour; 10 Sea mist; 12 Sharp answer; 14 Man in charge; 18 Proffer; 19 Moths; 21 Nears; 22 Tornado. Down: 1 Early; 2 Plough; 3 Cue; 4 Rhymes; 5 Oarsmen; 8 Get-away; 11 Proceed; 13 Hairnet; 15 Infirm; 16 Ground; 17 Shade; 20 Cow. QUICK - Across: 6 Compare; 7 Mummy; 9 Rapid; 10 Complex; 12 Retribution; 14 Consequence; 18 Alleges; 19 Under; 21 Irate; 22 Release. Down: 1 Total; 2 Sprite; 3 Arc; 4 Pulpit; 5 Emperor; 8 Cobbler; 11 Croquet; 13 Forlorn; 15 Sheath; 16 Cancel; 17 Lease; 20 Fee.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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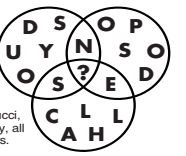
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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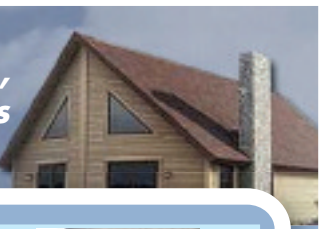

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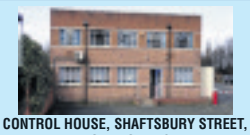
23 CROWTHER STREET, WOLVERHAMPTON

42-42A COMMONSIDE, BRIERLEY HILL



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★ Ensuite to master bedroom
★ Bathroom, gas CH
★ Double glazed
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★ Freehold
★ Viewing by appointment with the agents

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★ Fitted Kitchen
★ Integrated Appliances
★ Three Bedrooms ★ Bathroom
★ Garage
★ Gas CH/Double Glazed

OFFER BASED ON £147,500

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★ Dining Room ★ Conservatory
★ Fitted kitchen ★ Utility
★ Cloakroom
★ Three bedrooms ★ Bathroom
★ Garage ★ Gardens

OFFERS BASED ON £275,000

DUDLEY
DIBDALE ROAD

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★ Hall ★ Lounge
★ Kitchen/diner
★ Three bedrooms
★ Loft room conversion
★ Gas central heating
★ Double glazed
★ Large gardens
★ Immaculate throughout

OFFERS BASED ON £149,950

GORNAL
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★ Double Glazed
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SEDGLEY

ASHEN CLOSE

A three bedroom detached bungalow that briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge, a dining kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing to most of the windows, gas fired central heating, a detached garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£179,950

SEDGLEY

QUEENS ROAD

A three bedroom detached home, that briefly comprises: Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge with a feature fireplace, dining room, fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, family bathroom, double glazing, gas-fired central heating, garage and rear garden.

£173,950

MILKING BANK

BRELADES CLOSE

A five bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a breakfast room/study, a fitted kitchen with a feature Range oven, a utility room, a downstairs wc, five bedrooms a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden that backs onto local parkland

£169,950

Straits House

Tennyson Road, Lower Gornal

Straits House is a stunning development of one and two bedroom apartments, that enjoy a delightful setting on the fashionable Straits estate. The development skilfully blends the sympathetic conversion of a magnificent Georgian house with two brand new additional wings. It stands in impressive grounds that have been carefully landscaped to create beautiful communal gardens and allocated parking for residents.

Apartments in the Georgian house are now ready to view.

1 bedroom apartments from £112, 950

2 bedroom apartments from £126,950

Show apartment open Saturday 11.00 am to 3.00 pm

CAPITAL HILL

DONNINGTON COURT

A three bedroom town house that briefly comprises a lounge, a study, a guest cloakroom, a magnificent dining kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a rear garden and allocated parking for two cars.

£154,950

HURST HILL

STRATHERN DRIVE

A three bedroom mid terraced home that briefly comprises a lounge, a dining kitchen, a conservatory, a utility room, a guest cloakroom, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden.

£149,950

LOWER GORNAL

WALLOWS WOOD

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a sitting room/dining room, a kitchen, a utility room, a storage room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating and a rear garden.

£136,950

LOWER GORNAL

WINSCAR CROFT

A two bedroom end of terraced home that briefly comprises: Reception porch, lounge, a magnificent fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a reappointed bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden that backs on to woodland.

£121,950

LOWER GORNAL

THORNLEIGH

A two bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden.

£117,950

PRIORY GATE

RICHBOROUGH DRIVE

A two bedroom mews style home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a conservatory, a fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a rear garden and allocated parking for two cars.

£115,950

GORNAL WOOD

BANK ROAD

A two-bedroom mid terraced home that has been recently refurbished to a particularly high standard. The property briefly comprises a reception porch, a spacious lounge; a brand new fitted dining kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, a driveway and a lovely rear garden.

£111,950

WOODSETTON

PERKINS CLOSE

A three bedroom end of terraced property that briefly comprises a reception porch, a spacious lounge, an open plan dining room/kitchen, three bedrooms, a shower room, UPVC double glazing and a good sized rear garden.

£106,950

FAIRVIEW PARK

MANDERSTON CLOSE

A one bedroom first floor apartment that briefly comprises a private entrance hall, a spacious lounge, a fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a bedroom, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a loft space and a garage.

£89,950

UPPER GORNAL

DUKE STREET

A one bedroom gound floor flat that briefly comprises a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a fitted kitchen, a bedroom, a bathroom with a shower, gas fired central heating, a garden and stunning panoramic views from the front elevation.

£75,950

SEDGLEY

TURLS HILL COURT

A two bedroom, first floor flat that briefly comprises: Its own private entrance hall with a staircase to the first floor landing, a lounge, a kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom, gas fired central heating, a garage, off road parking and pleasant communal gardens.

£74,950

HURST HILL

HOLLYWELL STREET

A one bedroom first floor flat that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge,a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a bedroom, a storage cupboard, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and communal gardens.

£73,950

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THE NORTHWAY
SEDGLEY

★ Substantial quality detached family home
★ Four bedrooms and two bathrooms
★ Lounge, sitting room and dining kitchen
★ Excellent south facing gardens .
★ Really must be viewed

£236,500

RODWAY CLOSE
WOLVERHAMPTON

★ Modern detached in cul de sac
★ Three bedrooms and bathroom
★ Lounge and conservatory
★ Kitchen plus launderette
★ Overlooking fields

£215,000

CAMBERLEY CRESCENT
ETTINGSHALL PARK

★ Substantial semi in popular spot
★ Three bed home with great view
★ Lounge and dining room
★ Good sized kitchen
★ Bags of potential

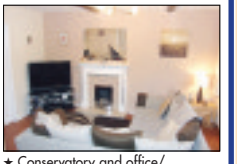
£139,995

BROAD STREET
PENSNETT

★ Well maintained detached
★ Three bedrooms and bathroom
★ Extended living room
★ Delightful rear garden
★ Super family home

£129,995

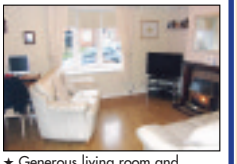
HARVEST CLOSE
UPPER GORNAL



★ Semi detached in popular location
★ Three bedrooms and bathroom
★ Stylish living room/dining kitchen
★ Conservatory and office/playroom
★ Gardens to rear

£129,995

NORTH OVAL
UPPER GORNAL



★ Stylish end town house
★ Three bedrooms plus attic room
★ Conservatory and gardens
★ Generous living room and dining kitchen
★ Simply must be viewed

£118,500

UPPER ETTINGSHALL ROAD
COSELEY

★ Exceptional town house that must be viewed
★ Three bedrooms plus attic room
★ Delightful lounge with feature fire surround
★ Well fitted dining kitchen
★ Excellent gardens with timber store/workroom

£125,000

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD
SEDGLEY

. Traditional detached in popular position
. Three bedrooms plus bathroom
. Two reception rooms
. Pleasant gardens plus garage
. Terrific family home

£225,000

HORTON CLOSE
SEDGLEY

. Immaculate detached in sought after location
. Four bedrooms plus ensuite
. Modernised family bathroom with jacuzzi
. Quiet position
. Excellent family home that simply must be viewed

REDUCED £265,000

HIMLEY ROAD
DUDLEY

. Luxury detached in prominent location
. Four bedrooms and three bathrooms
. Two reception rooms
. Garage and delightful gardens
. Viewing is absolutely essential

£249,995

JEWS LANE
UPPER GORNAL

. Traditional stye 3 bed detached
. 2 Reception rooms plus dining area
. Stunning gardens to the rear
. Off road parking plus garage
. Simply must be viewed

Reduced to £152,000

HARVEST CLOSE
UPPER GORNAL

. Extended semi detached in popular location
. FOUR bedrooms and two bathrooms
. Lounge and extended dining room
. Kitchen and ground floor cloakroom
. Delightful enclosed garden to rear

£169,950

TURLS HILL ROAD
COSELEY

. Stunning three bed town house
. Three bedrooms including attic room
. Open plan lounge
. Luxury bathroom plus shower room
. Excellent fitted kitchen

£174,995

ROPER WALK
SEDGLEY

. Two bedroom first floor flat
. Quiet location and convenient too
. Lounge and kitchen
. Bathroom with shower
. Must be viewed

Reduced to £60,000

WOODCROSS LANE
WOODCROSS

. Semi detached with great potential
. Three bedrooms plus bathroom
. Generous lounge plus kitchen
. Gardens to rear
. An excellent opportunity

Reduced £89,995

ROPER WALK
SEDGLEY

.Ground floor apartment
.Popular and quiet location
. Two bedrooms plus bathroom
. Good sized lounge plus kitchen
. Stylish single level living

£75,000

SANDSTONE CLOSE
LOWER GORNAL

★ Well presented first floor flat
★ Refitted kitchen
★ Double bedroom
★ Garage to rear

Reduced to £70,000

HORACE STREET
COSELEY

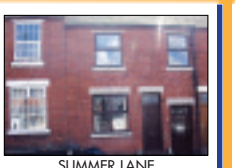
★ Extended detached with three bedrooms
★ Lounge and extended kitchen
★ Off road parking plus garage
★ Enclosed garden to rear

Reduced to £139,950

IVYHOUSE LANE
COSELEY

. Detached with potential in great location
. Lounge and dining kitchen
. Three bedroopms and bathroom
. Garage and good sized garden
. Excellent opportunity

Reduced to £159,995



SUMMER LANE
LOWER GORNAL

★ Mid terraced home with potential
★ Two reception rooms
★ 3 bedrooms plus ground floor bathroom
★ Gardens tto rear
★ Reduced by £10,000

Now £84,950

TIPTON STREET
SEDGLEY

. Well maintained modern semi
. Lounge and dining kitchen
. Three bedrooms plus bathroom
. Pleasant garden and garage
. Handy for shops and schools too

£129,950

WESTWOOD STREET
DUDLEY

. Exceptional spacious modernised semi
. Lounge and newly fitted dining kitchen
. Two bedroom plus bathroom
. Delightful gardens
. Double glazing and central heating

£105,000

SANDSTONE CLOSE
LOWER GORNAL

. Superb end terraced town house
. Three bedrooms and family bathroom
. Excellent lounge and dining kitchen
. Pleasant garden.
. Garage in nearby block

£124,995

SPRINGVALE CLOSE
COSELEY

. Stylish modern End town house
. Lounge and Dining Kitchen
. Three bedrooms plus bathroom
. Part paved gardens to rear
. Great first home??

£105,000

RUBENS CLOSE
UPPER GORNAL

. Modern end town house in quiet location
. Stylish lounge plus fitted dining kitchen
. Two bedrooms plus bathroom
. Delightful gardens and off road parking
. Vacant Possession

£124,500

PALE STREET
UPPER GORNAL

★ Prominently positioned semi
★ Two bedrooms plus bathroom
★ Lounge and Dining Kitchen
★ Useful store room

Now reduced to £104,995

LANGLEY AVENUE
COSELEY

. End town house in quiet location
. Three bedrooms plus ensuite
. Generous sized through lounge
. Kitchen and ground floor bathroom
. Off road parking

£99,995

UPPER ETTINGSHALL ROAD
COSELEY

. Modern semi detached in great location
. Two bedrooms plus bathroom
. Living Room and terrific Kitchen
. Rear garden and off road parking
. A great first home?

£127,500

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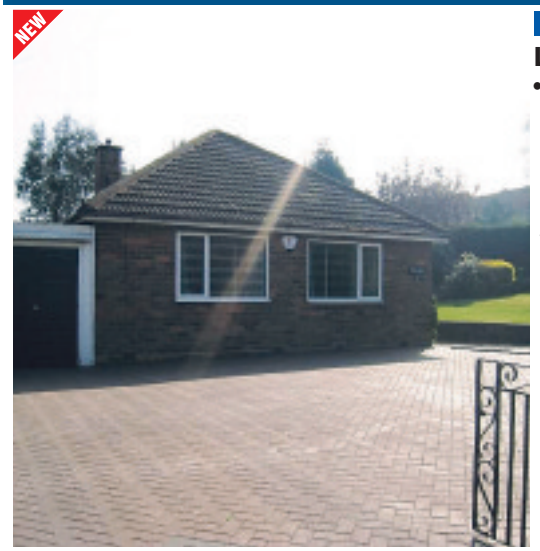

TIVIDALE

LOWER CITY ROAD

•A Detached Two Bedroom Bungalow•Lounge & Breakfast Kitchen•Utility Room•Garage•Gas Central Heating System & Double Glazing Where Stated•Extensive Gardens

£149,950

DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW **TIVIDALE**

CALIFORNIA ROAD

•A Semi Detached Residence•Two Bedrooms•Through Lounge•Fitted Kitchen & UtilityRoom•Bathroom Having White Suite•GCH System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Rear Garden Having Decking

£115,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW **OAKHAM**

VIEW DRIVE

•An Extended Detached Residence•Four Bedrooms•Two Reception Rooms•Extended Study, Extended Dining Room & Extended Utility, En-Suite Bathroom & Dressing Room•Conservatory•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Garage•GCH System & Double Glazing Where Stated•Elevated Views To Front•Viewing Recommended

£285,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

REDUCED **RUSSELLS HALL**

ASHENHURST ROAD

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Through Lounge/Dining Room •Fitted Bathroom •Gas Central Heating •Double Glazing •Rear Garden •Driveway

£129,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NETHERTON

BOBBINGTON WAY

•Three Bedroom Mid Townhouse•Lounge/Dining Room•Kitchen Diner•Upstairs Bathroom•GCH System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Rear Garden•Garage

£115,000 OIEO DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW **RUSSELLS HALL ESTATE**

MERRYFIELD ROAD

•First Floor Flat•One Double Bedroom•Lounge & Fitted Kitchen•ReFitted Bathroom•Rear Garden• Double Glazing Where Stated•No Chain

£72,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

TIVIDALE

ARUNDEL DRIVE

•Semi Detached•Three Bedrooms•Lounge & Dinng Area•Kitcen•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Rear Garden•Garage

£129,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW **DUDLEY**

JUNCTION STREET

•Mid Terraced Residence•Two Bedrooms•Two Reception Rooms•Kitchen•Ground Floor Bathroom•Gas Central Heating System & Double Glazing Where Stated•No Chain

£74,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

DUDLEY

ATTINGHAM DRIVE

•First Floor Apartment•Two Bedrooms•50% Shared Ownership•Open Plan Lounge/Fitted Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Allocated Parking

£54,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW **DUDLEY**

REDWOOD AVENUE

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Lounge •Kitchen/Bathroom •Toilet Downstairs •Gas Central Heated and Double Glazed Where Stated •Front and Rear Garden •Driveway •Garage •No Upward Chain •Viewing is recommended to appreciate the accommodation on offer.

£125,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

LOWER GORNAL

WHITEBEAM CLOSE

•Two Bedroom Mid Terrace •Lounge Overlooking Rear Garden •Fitted Kitchen •Gas Central Heating System •Double Glazed Where Stated •Rear Garden •Cul-De-Sac Location

£109,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW **DUDLEY**

DIXONS GREEN ROAD

•An Investment Opportunity•Office, Conference Room, Kitchen, Dining Room & Cloakrooms To Ground Floor•Three Reception Rooms, Kitchen & Bathroom To First Floor•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•No Chain

£189,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

OLDBURY

ST JAMES ROAD

•Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow•Lounge & Conservatory•Kitchen•GCH System & D/G Where Stated•Driveway•Rear Garden

£130,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW **TIPTON**

HOLCROFT STREET

•An Improved Mid Terraced•Two Double Bedrooms•Two Reception Rooms•Kitchen•Ground Floor Bathroom•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•No Chain

£87,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

TIPTON

WADES CLOSE

•Three Bedroom Three Storey Residence•Lounge & Fitted Breakfast Kitchen•Cloakroom•Utility Room•En-Suite Bathroom•GCH System & Double Glazing Where Stated•Garage & Driveway

£139,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW **GORNAL WOOD**

BROOK STREET

•A Detached Residence•Three Bedrooms•Through Lounge/Dining Room•Kitchen•First Floor Bathroom•GCH System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Enclosed Parking To The Rear•Front Garden

£165,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NEW **TIPTON**

NEWCOMEN DRIVE

•Extended Detached Residence•Four Bedrooms•En-Suite To Bedroom One•Front & Extended Rear Reception Rooms•Kitchen & Utility•Ground Floor Cloakroom•D/G Where Stated & GCH System•Garage•Driveway

£212,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

TIPTON

BLOOMFIELD ROAD

•Three Storey Townhouse•Three Bedrooms•Study Cloakroom & Fitted Kitchen Diner To Ground Floor•Lounge Bathroom & Bedroom To First Floor•Two Bedrooms Bedroom One Having En-Suite To Second Floor•Garage•No Chain

£131,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

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DUDLEY ✆01384 455000

TO LET **DUDLEY**

WOLVERTON ROAD

• Two Bedroom Semi Detached • DSS Accepted With A Guarantor • Double Glazing, Downstairs WC • Driveway, Close to Town Centre. ★★★★DSS ACCEPTED WITH A GUARANTOR★★★★

£450 PCM DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

TO LET **DUDLEY**

CLARENCE STREET

•Two Bedroom Mid Terrace •Lounge •Kitchen •Ground Floor Bathroom •Gas Central Heated •Double Glazed Where Stated ★★★★DSS ACCEPTED WITH A GUARANTOR★★★★

£400 PCM DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

TO LET **LOWER GORNAL**

SUMMER LANE

•Second Floor Apartment•Two Bedrooms•Lounge•Kitchen•Bathroom•Gas Central Heating. ★★★★DSS ACCEPTED WITH A GUARANTOR★★★★

£450 PCM DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

TO LET **DUDLEY**

SOUTHGATE WAY

•Ground Floor Apartment•Two Bedrooms•Open Plan Lounge/Fitted Kitchen•Bathroom•Double Glazing•Allocated Parking

£475 PCM DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

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TO LET **TIVIDALE**

TWYDALE AVENUE

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached • Double Glazing And Gas Central Heating •Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Side Lobby With Storage And Downstairs WC And Bathroom. Outside, Driveway And Garden To Rear..

550 PCM DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

TO LET **DUDLEY**

ATTINGHAM DRIVE

•An upper floor studio apartment which is beautifully presented having fitted kitchen, lounge area having hidden pull down bed, shower room, electric heating and double glazing. The property comes with allocated parking for one car, ★★★★DSS ACCEPTED WITH A GUARANTOR★★★★

£370 PCM DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

TO LET **DUDLEY**

WRENS HILL ROAD

DSS ACCEPTED WITH GUARANTOR Recently refurbished Semi Detached House close to the A4123 Birmingham New Road. Two Bedrooms, Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, First Floor Bathroom and Downstairs W/C. Benefitting from Gas Central Heating and Parking to Front.

£470 PCM DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

TO LET **DUDLEY**

CHURCHFIELD STREET

•Three Bedrooms•Three Reception Rooms • Kitchen • GCH System • Double Glazing Where Stated

£475PCM DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

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GOSPEL END VILLAGE, SEDGLEY

FIR STREET

★ A Large individually designed five bedroomed detached property in a desirable location near to Baggeridge country park
★ Traditional lounge and dining room.
★ Kitchen with additional dayroom off. ★ Utility
★ Games room , 20ft x 16'
★ House bathroom, shower room, downstairs cloakroom
★ Garage, block paved driveway with parking for 5/6 cars
★ Good sized privatre rear garden

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £495,000

WOODSETTON

ROPER WAY

★ A luxuriously appointed deatched family home
★ Quiet cul-de-sac location
★ Fully enhanced and upgraded by current owners
★ Modern good size breakfast kitchen
★ Dining room and conservatory
★ Four bedrooms with en-suite to master
★ South facing rear garden ★ Garage

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £249,950

COSELEY

FLAMBOROUGH WAY

★ A substantial, elegantly presented 3 (originally 4) bed detached on a large end plot, having been refurbished and enhanced,
★ Two reception rooms
★ Conservatory (20'long),
★ Master bedroom with en-suite shower room
★ Luxurious bathroom , fitted units, a steam shower & jacuzzi bath
★ Superb gardens with sunny aspect.
★ Viewing is essential to appreciate this property

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £215,000

GORNAL WOOD

THE ALLEY

★ Attractively presented three bed detached
★ Desirable location, close to village centre
★ Lounge, dining room, conservatory
★ Modern kitchen with integrated appliances
★ Good sized bedrooms all with fitted wardrobes
★ Fully tiled bathroom with seperate shower
★ Pleasant gardens to front,rear and side
★ Garage, carport and block paved driveway.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £199,950

BILSTON

BROCTON CLOSE, SEDGEMOOR PARK

★ A modern style three bedroomed detached
★ Conveniently situated for all major road and rail networks
★ Lounge and dining room
★ Kitchen and utility
★ Family bathroom, guest cloakroom
★ Ensuite to master bedroom
★ Fitted wadrobes in bedrooms one & two
★ Garage and driveway parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £194,950

BROWNSWALL, SEDGLEY

DUMBLEBERRY AVENUE

★ A most desirable extended semi-detached on the popular Brownswall estate
★ Two spacious reception rooms
★ Breakfast kitchen
★ Recently installed UPVC double glazing (majority)
★ Three double bedrooms
★ Garage and off road parking
★ Well maintained rear garden
★ Viewing highly recommended

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £189,950

SEDGLEY

HIGH PARK CRESCENT

★ A traditional semi-detached full of charm and character
★ Imposing full height hallway.
★ Modern breakfast kitchen, open plan dining room
★ Delightful lounge
★ Three good sized bedrooms
★ Garage and driveway parking
★ No upward chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £179,995

GORNAL WOOD

ORCHARD GROVE

★ A traditional style three bed detached close to Gornal village
★ Spacious lounge with dining area
★ Good sized kitchen, side lobby
★ Beautifully presented bathroom, seperate shower cubicle
★ Landscaped rear gardens
★ Garage to the rear with parking
★ Block paved driveway to the front
★ Viewing recommended

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £179,950

ETTINGSHALL PARK

CAMBERLEY CRESCENT

★ A beautifully presented three bedroom traditional semi-detached
★ Enhanced by the current owners
★Third bedroom extended into loft space
★ Two reception rooms
★ Kitchen ★ Conservatory
★ Modern bathroom (with separate shower cubicle)
★ Garage and delightful rear gardens.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £177,500

TIPTON

WOODCROFT AVENUE

★ An exceptionally well presenteded three bed detached
★ Extended downstairs accommodation
★ Two reception rooms ★ Study
★ Kitchen, utility. ★ Cloakroom
★ Upvc double glazing, gas central heating
★ Immaculately maintained large rear garden, sunny aspect
★ Garage , block paved driveway
★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £175,000

COSELEY

GRRENOAK CRESCENT, BRAMFORD ESTATE

★ A beautifully presented extended semi
★ Corner plot position
★ Lounge ★ 2nd reception with dining area
★ Modern kitchen and bathroom
★ Three bedrooms & large study/office
★ Upvc double glazing & gas central heating
★ Garage,private rear garden , sunny aspect
★ No upward chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £164,950

LOWER GORNAL

OAKLAND DRIVE

★ Semi-detached property in a popular area close to Gornal
★ Excellent family living accommodation
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Through Lounge / dining room
★ Three Bedrooms
★Upvc double glazing. ★ ghas central heating
★ Detached Garage ★ Block paved driveway
★ Good size low-maintenance rear garden

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £159,950

LOWER GORNAL

WINSCAR CROFT

★ Modern style semi-detached , quiet cul-de-sac location
★ High standard of accommodation, extended living space into Garage
★ Kitchen with dining area.
★ Lounge and conservatory
★Three bedrooms, ensuite to master
★ Garage converted to partial storage space
★ Parking for several cars

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £157,950

COSELEY

PAGET CLOSE

★ An extremely well presented semi-detached in a quiet cul-de-sac location
★ Generous sized accommodation
★ Lounge, ktichen and conservatory
★ Three bedrooms, fiited wardobes in bedroom one
★ Upvc double glazing, gas central heating
★ Block paved driveway and garage

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £157,500

BRADLEY, BILSTON

OLIVER CRESCENT

★ A spacious 4 bed semi, large corner plot
★ Lounge and seperate dining room
★ 18ft breakfast kitchen with feature island
★ Contemporary bathroom with seperate shower
★ Downstairs cloakroom
★ Block paved driveway , parking for 3/4 cars
★ Goodsized rear garden with sunny aspect

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £149,950

WOODSETTON

ROSEMARY CRESCENT

★ A traditional extended three bed semi-detached
★ Providing a high standard of accommodation
★ Lounge, dining room, open plan kitchen/family room
★ Modern bathroom, downstairs cloakroom
★ Driveway parking for several cars
★ Private rear garden with a sunny position
★ No upward chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £144,950

TIPTON

FOXYARDS ROAD

★ A delightful three bed semi detached ideally situated for all amenities
★ Enhanced by the current owners with a modern theme
★Two reception rooms and a conservatory
★ Kitchen and utility
★ Upvc double glazing & Gas central heating
★ Garage & block paved driveway
★ Pleasant private rear garden
★ Viewing highly recommended

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £139,950

HURST HILL, COSELEY

PAUL STREET

★ A traditional three bed semi-detached home in a popular location, conveniently situated for Hurst Hill Primary School
★ Open plan lounge into dining room
★ Kitchen, rear lobby, downstairs w.c
★ Good sized family bathroom
★ Upvc double glazing (majority)
★ Gas central heating,
★ Off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £129,950

LANESFIELD

WARD GROVE

★ A well presented semi-detached bungalow on a corner plot
★ Refurbished throughout to a high standard
★ Modern kitchen and utlity ★ Shower room
★ Conservatory
★ Upvc double glazing
★ Gas central heating
★ Garage & driveway parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION of £124,995

WOODSETTON

PARKES HALL ROAD

★ Three bed semi, refurbished throughout
★ Open plan lounge, dining room
★ Modern Kitchen & utlity
★ Garage with laundry facilities
★ Private rear garden with sunny aspect
★ Block paved driveway
★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

REDUCED TO £124,950

HURST HILL, COSELEY

PAUL STREET

★ NO UPWARD CHAIN
★ Built in 2006 ,beautifully presented town house.
★ 5 year Zurich guarantee
★ Dining kitchen and lounge
★ Two bedrooms, ensuite to master
★ Famliy bathroom ★ Downstairs cloakroom
★ Well maintained rear garden, sunny aspect
★ Block paved driveway, parking for 2 cars

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124,950

SEDGLEY

CASTLE STREET

★ Within walking distance to Sedgley Village
★ A traditional semi-detached with a garage
★ Lounge, kitchen, verandah/utility
★ Two double bedrooms and a nursery room
★ Modern bathroom with corner bath & separate shower cubicle
★ Upvc double glazing and gas central heating
★ Secluded rear garden

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950

DUDLEY

RICHBOROUGH DRIVE

★ A most desirable modern townhouse
★ In a quiet location at the end of a cul-de-sac, distant views
★ Open plan lounge and modern kitchen
★ Two double bedrooms
★ Upvc double glazing & gas central heating
★ Low mainenance sunny rear garden
★ Two allocated parking spaces
★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950

COSELEY

CENTRAL DRIVE

★ A generous sized 3 bed traditional semi-detached
★ Conveniently located for major road and rail links
★ Lounge and dining kitchen
★ Upvc double glazed. ★ Gas central heating
★ Modern fully tiled bathroom
★ Good sized rear garden with outbuilding.
★ Driveway parking for two cars.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950

SEDGLEY

KINGS ROAD

★ A beautifully appointed three bedroomed tradional terrace in a popular area close to Sedgley village
★ Refurbished to a high standard with a contemporary theme
★ Two reception rooms
★ New kitchen and bathroom
★ Upvc double glazing and gas central heating
★ Rear garden
★ Ideal first time purchase

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £109,000

TIPTON

THUNDERBOLT WAY

★ A modern and stylish top floor apartment with outstanding views
★ Light and airy lounge with dining area.
★ Kitchen with integrated appliances ★ Useful pantry/store
★ Spacious bedroom with built-in wardrobes
★ Upvc double glazing and gas central heating
★ Secure entry system. ★Allocated parking
★ 5% GIFTED DEPOSIT AVAILABLE

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BRADLEY, BILSTON

AMBLESIDE CLOSE

★ Modern style mid terraced property
★ Pleasant cul-de-sac location
★ Lounge, dining kitchen
★ Two bedrooms, Modern bathroom
★ Double glazed windows Electric heating
★ Parking area
★ 95% mortgage for first time buyer

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £82,500

LOWER GORNAL

BOUNDARY HILL

★ A three bedroom semi-detached
★ Modernisation required
★ Two reception rooms
★ Kitchen & stores
★ Upstairs bathroom
★ Low maintenance rear garden
★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £69,950

WOODSETTON

ROPER WALK

★ Ideal investment opportunity
★ Some updating required
★ Two bedroomed first floor flat
★ Excellent views over open fields
★ Good sized lounge/dining room
★ Allocated parking space
★ No upward chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £60,000

WOODCROSS, COSELEY

CHILDS AVENUE

★ An excellent sized semi-detached
★ Two reception rooms and kitchen
★ Outer lobby with stores and wc
★ Three bedrooms
★ Upvc double glazing
★ Block paved driveway,
★ Secluded rear garden

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DUDLEY
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An impressive two bedroom end terraced house in immaculate condition with accommodation over three floors briefly comprising of lounge, dining room, upstairs bathroom, downstairs shower room, utility area, dining kitchen and a garden to rear.

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DUDLEY
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DUDLEY
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DUDLEY
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TIPTON
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A modern, spacious two bedroom apartment. Has allocated parking. Double glazing, electric panel heating. Large lounge, modern fitted kitchen, en suite, house bathroom/WC. Unfurnished, available now for long term let.

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DUDLEY
The Broadway

A traditional three bedroom semi-detached house near Dudley town centre with off road parking, double glazing and new central heating. Two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms and a further single. Unfurnished, available now, No housing benefit applicants

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DUDLEY
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WORDSLEY

11 Greenbank Gardens

A SUBSTANTIAL AND DISTINCTIVE, MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME which forms part of the sought after CUL DE SAC development of other detached properties, offering an IMMACULATE and EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS arrangement of accommodation, with GAS CENTRAL HEATING/DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: reception hall with guests cloakroom/w.c. off, splendid large full width lounge, separate formal dining room/home office, SPLENDID CONSERVATORY, refitted breakfast kitchen with built in appliances, THREE LARGE DOUBLE BEDROOMS (en suite shower room to master and bedrooms one and two with fitted furniture) and house bathroom. The property is further enhanced by the LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY and a BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED SECLUDED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £204,950

WORDSLEY

34 Fernleigh Gardens

A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW which enjoys a highly regarded cul-de-sac address, close to shops/amenities, offering an incredibly spacious layout of accommodation which requires some updating, comprising: Reception Hall, 28' Lounge-with-Dining Room Area, fitted Kitchen, separate Utility Room, TWO EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS (Bedroom 2 with fitted wardrobes), Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is further enhanced by the front lawn, LONG FRONT/SIDE DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a private low maintenance rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £159,950 - No Upward Chain

KINGSWINFORD

8 Dovedale Road

Very pleasantly situated upon the very popular and much sought after 'Blanford Mere' development, this SUCCESSFULLY ENLARGED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers a VERY WELL PROPORTIONED LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, fitted dining kitchen with built-in appliances, spacious full width lounge, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and classic white bathroom with separate shower. Set back beyond the BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to the GARAGE and enjoying a pleasant patio / lawn rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £147,950

WALL HEATH

32 Enville Road

This MOST DECEPTIVE 'PERIOD' END OF TERRACE HOME is very well placed within highly sought after Wall Heath Village, just a short distance from friendly local shops and excellent local schooling and offers a SPACIOUS LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious lounge with dining area off 26'0" x 10'2" (max), L shaped fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, refitted classic white bathroom, TWO FIRST FLOOR DOUBLE BEDROOMS and superb loft (stairs off bedroom 2). Set back beyond the DRIVEWAY to the fore and enjoying a patio / lawn rear garden with large store. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £129,950

AMBLECOTE

Dunsford Close

This delightful and much improved modern two bedroomed semi detached property has full gas centrally heated accommodation, uPVC windows, and tasteful décor, and is a credit to the current owners. With accommodation comprising: hall, lounge, modern fitted kitchen, two first floor bedrooms, modern bathroom, well kept garden to the rear, driveway to the side, uPVC gutter and fascia, close to all local facilities. Viewing a must. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £129,950

COSELEY

Bradleys Lane, Wallbrook

Situated in a popular residential neighbourhood, this most impressive, traditional style, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached has been considerably improved/updated by present owners. The well presented accommodation comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, dining/sitting room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white corner suite, driveway, garage & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £122,950

BRIERLEY HILL

Fox Foot Drive

This gas centrally heated and double glazed modern style two bedroomed semi detached property is ideally suited to the first time buyer/young family. Having a new bathroom suite, the accommodation comprises: inner hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, two first floor bedrooms, bathroom, garden to the rear, block paved driveway to the front, burglar alarm, and much more. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £111,950

KINGSWINFORD

17 Mimosa Walk

This DELIGHTFUL AND SPACIOUS GROUND FLOOR SELF-CONTAINED APARTMENT offers bungalow style living within popular 'Blanford Mere', just a pleasant walk from amenities and, with RECENT EXPENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS offers: Private Hall, SPLENDID 16'4" x 12' LOUNGE, Inner Hall, attractive fitted Kitchen, SPACIOUS DOUBLE BEDROOM with wardrobes and French door to garden, LUXURY REFITTED DESIGNER BATHROOM and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Corner position with front and side lawns, small patio/lawned rear garden and GARAGE directly to rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £103,950

QUARRY BANK

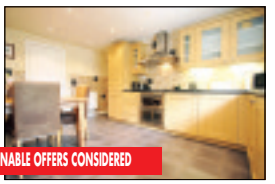
Bower Lane

This traditional styled, majority uPVC double glazed, two bedroomed semi detached residence is ideally suited to the first time buyer and has rear vehicular access, and is seen to comprise: lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms, cellar, many improvements in recent years. Must be seen. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £84,999

BOBBINGTON VILLAGE

17 Six Ashes Road



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BACKING ONTO BEAUTIFUL OPEN COUNTRYSIDE/PADDOCK this SUBSTANTIAL and INDIVIDUAL MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME combines an EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS layout with BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED and TASTEFULLY DECORATED accommodation including CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: 16' reception hall, ground floor WC, fantastic large 24'10" lounge with dining area, study, beautifully refitted family Dining Kitchen with built-in appliances, separate Laundry/Utility room, FOUR LARGE BEDROOMS (master with en-suite dressing/shower room) and spacious house bathroom. The property is further enhanced by the LARGE DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a GENEROUS, BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN which backs onto fields/paddock. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

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'Woodmans Cottage' 186 Mount Pleasant

£15,000 REDUCTION

A SUBSTANTIAL PERIOD DOUBLE FRONTED DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is delightfully situated within this highly sought after address, close to nearby woods providing a DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS and EXTREMELY WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation, all of which is WELL APPOINTED and ATTRACTIVELY DECORATED, comprising: entrance hall, fantastic full width lounge with log burner, 20+ refitted kitchen with built in appliances and dining area, utility room, SEPARATE DINING ROOM, CONSERVATORY, ground floor w.c., FOUR LARGE BEDROOMS master with en suite shower room, house bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is slightly elevated back beyond the attractive front garden with DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a secluded rear garden with access to woods. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £249,950

LOWER GORNAL

Ladbrook Grove, Straits

An attractive, EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED detached bungalow occupying a fine corner plot in well regarded, quiet/convenient cul de sac. Conscientiously maintained accommodation includes entrance vestibule, reception hall, two double bedrooms, enlarged shower room (former bathroom) with white suite, enlarged lounge (incorporating former third bedroom as a dining room - possibilities fo re-subdivision) and an extended upgraded 19'10" breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, pantry. Lengthy drive to a GARAGE and delightful expertly tended gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £210,000

DUDLEY

Charlecote Drive, Milking Bank

An attractive, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated detached upon favoured development overlooking open space and convenient for so many amenities/facilities, etc. Accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, separate dining room with bay, elegant lounge with bay, store, breakfast kitchen with integrated appliances. Principal bedroom suite with built-in wardrobes & a reappointed shower room en suite, three further bedrooms, reappointed bathroom, garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £219,950

LOWER GORNAL

Ruiton Street

An PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS & exceptionally well presented, freehold, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated detached family home in popular convenient district with GOOD DISTANT VIEWS. Accommodation includes imposing 15'8" reception hall, fitted cloakroom, elegant 18'8" lounge with bay, sitting room (with patio doors to outside), well equipped 18'2" kitchen with an extensive range of units & various integrated appliances (defined laundry section). Four generous bedrooms (principal with shower room en suite & built in wardrobes), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £217,500

DUDLEY

Chillington Drive, Miking Bank neighbourhood

An enhanced, gas centrally heated, & double glazed detached enviably situated at head of relatively quiet cul-de-sac with good distant views, and within walking distance of so many amenities/facilities. Accommodation includes: reception hall, fitted cloakroom, separate dining room with bay, stylish lounge with living flame feature gas fire, bay (and double doors out to garden), L shape breakfast kitchen with oven, hob & filter, laundry. Garage sub-divided to create further utility room, and a study/office. Four bedrooms (principal bedroom with mirrored wardrobes & a reappointed shower room en suite), reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £209,950

COSELEY

Quilter Close, Hurst Hill

Constructed to an exemplary specification (by original developer for a member of his family), a particularly spacious/highly individual, freehold, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed detached bungalow set in quiet 'backwater' adjacent to adopted open space. With security gates and an extensive brick/block driveway approach, the accommodation includes imposing reception hall, elegant living room with patio doors, well equipped kitchen with various fitted appliances and laundry. THREE BEDROOMS (Bedroom 1 with shower room en suite & Bedroom 2 currently used as separate dining room), bathroom, garage, extensive brick/block parking area and a delightful landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £204,950

DUDLEY

Richborough Drive

An attractive, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached enviably situated virtually at head of favoured cul de sac with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS and reasonable distance of the Milking Bank amenities/open space. Superb accommodation includes reception hall, elegant lounge, separate dining room, well equipped kitchen with various integrated appliances, utility room, fitted cloakroom. Four bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom, garage, delightful gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £196,950

WALL HEATH

75 Beachcroft Road

Enjoying a superb setting BACKING OPEN COUNTRYSIDE within this established and highly desirable location, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND GREATLY IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers an INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS arrangement of VERY WELL PRESENTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, well proportioned lounge, well appointed dining kitchen with integrated appliances, second sitting room, garden room, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, SUPERB LOFT and bathroom. Set back beyond the DRIVEWAY to the fore with approach to GARAGE and having an EXCELLENT SIZED REAR GARDEN which enjoys a fantastic open rear aspect with countryside beyond. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £194,500

COSELEY

Bancroft Close

An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally well appointed, centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached at head of cul de sac in favoured district. Evidently the subject of lavish expenditure in recent years, the property has been 'transformed' to an exemplary specification and comprises entrance hall, fourth bedroom, elegant 16'8" lounge with bay & oak stripped floor, dining with oak stripped floor, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'Schreiber' - contemporary style - light oak effect' units, store, separate laundry, lobby, fitted cloakroom. Three bedrooms (all with a fine range of 'Sharp' fitted units & principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite), reappointed bathroom, neat secluded rear garden. Personal inspection imperative for total appreciation. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,950

DUDLEY

Breamore Crescent, "Earls Keep"

An attractive, significantly upgraded & conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally & uPVC double glazed Bryant detached enviably situated in favoured neighbourhood comprising entrance porch, reception hall, elegant lounge, fitted cloakroom, spacious L-shape 'hub of the house' dining kitchen with a fine range of integrated appliances, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY (with utility section beyond). Three generous bedrooms (principal bedroom with walk-through 'dressing section' & shower room en suite), bathroom, garage, landscaped garden, block paved drive. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 8808888

Offers in the region of £179,950

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Offers in the region of £179,950

SEDGLEY

Sandyfields Road

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL A gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached bungalow excellently situated with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS from the rear but now requiring some sympathetic updating. Accommodation provides entrance porch, central reception hall, three bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, breakfast kitchen, lobby/utility area, garden (in need of attention) 19'9" garage. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950

KINGSWINFORD

20 Westview Drive

Set within GENEROUS GARDEN/GROUNDS, this MOST DECEPTIVE AND DISTINCTIVE MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME enjoys a very pleasant cul de sac setting, approached from The Knoll, and offers a VERSATILE and SPACIOUS layout of ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED accommodation which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: reception hall, fantastic large full width lounge with dining room area, refitted kitchen, utility room, bedroom three/office/separate dining room, TWO LARGE FIRST FLOOR DOUBLE BEDROOMS, master with shower, and white bathroom. Planning permission has been obtained for garage conversion with tiled roof to bedroom four and with TWO SEPARATE DRIVEWAYS, INTEGRAL GARAGE, SEPARATE DETACHED GARAGE and a secluded rear/side garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £174,950 - No Upward Chain

DUDLEY

Aintree Way, Milking Bank

A tremendously enhanced, improved & particularly elegant, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED detached enviably situated on favoured development with panoramic distant views to rear and open aspect to front. Superb accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge with living flame feature gas fire, dining room, upgraded kitchen with various appliances, pantry, three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), upgraded bathroom with white suite, garage, burglar alarm, block paved foregarden, good size rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £171,995

SEDGLEY

Dumbleberry Avenue, Brownswall Estate

A spacious, ENLARGED, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured district close to country park/open fields, and so many amenities. Accommodation includes; enlarged porch, reception hall, sitting room with bay, fitted cloakroom, dining room with patio doors, enlarged/refitted kitchen. Three bedrooms (third bedroom enlarged into eaves), refitted/enlarged bathroom with white suite. Lengthy (17'10") garage. Secluded rear garden, distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950

LOWER GORNAL

Keats Close, Straits

A superb, significantly enhanced & refurbished, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed bungalow occupying larger than average garden and with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS from rear and positioned within walking distance of open fields / country park / shops and post office. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, transverse lounge, reappointed/enlarged bathroom, upgraded breakfast kitchen with integrated appliances, two double bedrooms. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950

UPPER GORNAL

Goodrich Mews, 'Hedgerows'

RECENTLY BUILT circa 2009 and covered by NHBC, a particularly SPACIOUS & imaginatively designed, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed SEMI DETACHED townhouse upon a fine corner plot with DISTANT VIEWS yet within reasonable walking distance of the village and all associated amenities. To the ground floor is a reception hall, cloaks cupboard, sitting room, breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & utility room, separate w.c. To the first floor, transverse lounge, double bedroom 2, bathroom with white suite. To the second floor, two further double bedrooms (principal bedroom with many fitted wardrobes & a shower room en suite). Secluded garden, GARAGE. (PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED - against a smaller property in the Gornal/Sedgley areas). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £162,950

UPPER GORNAL

Jews Lane

A superior, particularly spacious and significantly ENLARGED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in convenient district with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years. Outstanding accommodation includes imposing reception hall, sitting room with bay, store, lounge, reappointed kitchen with a fine range of 'oak' units and many integrated appliances, lobby, walk-in store, 18ft dining room (potential bedroom?). Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, traditional roof space, neat gardens, block paved foregarden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950

WOODSETTON

Parkes Lane

This traditional style, bay fronted, three bedroom semi detached family home is beautifully presented throughout and is situated in an established residental location with primarily uPVC double glazed windows anda gas central heating system. Accommodation comprises entance hall, stylish lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms (two with fitted wardrobes), bathroom with corner bath, garage, concrete print driveway and a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £152,950

KINGSWINFORD

140 Bromley Lane

Enjoying a LARGE and ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE offers a SPACIOUS and WELL PRESENTED layout of accommodation which is further enhanced by a LONG BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY approach, the accommodation includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprises: reception hall, large full depth lounge with dining area, extended kitchen with integrated appliances, rear lobby with ground floor w.c. and storage off, THREE BEDROOMS and shower room. LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, attractive front garden, GARAGE and the approximate 75 long level rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £144,950

COSELEY

Acacia Drive

This traditional style, bay fronted, extended, gas centrally heated & double glazed (vast majority being uPVC) three bedroom semi detached home is situated in a relatively quiet cul de sac on the popular Bramford Estate. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge with bay, dining room, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, larger than average garage and a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

DUDLEY

Dibdale Road

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A modernised, much improved and conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) and double glazed semi detached most conveniently situated with panoramic distant views and within walking distance of so many amenities and facilities. Slightly concealed and set back from the road the accommodation includes reception hall, tremendous L-shaped through lounge/dining room with patio doors to rear, upgraded refitted kitchen (many appliances) pantry. Three bedrooms, bathroom, FURNITURE & OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE, extensive driveway/gated parking, good sized garage, rear garden. . SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

COSELEY

Horace Street, Hurst Hill

An EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached set in a established, convenient district with good distant views from the rear. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, extended kitchen with a fine range of units, living room, three double bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, integral garage. Block paved foregarden & low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

WOODSETTON

Rosemary Crescent

An EXTENDED, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached that has been TREMENDOUSLY MODERNISED and improved set in quiet cul de sac and comprising entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, understair store, magnificent 21ft extended dining room (with double 'french doors) and an extended 18'2" comprehensively refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of stylish 'English cream' units & various integrated appliances. Three bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, off road parking, landscaped/secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,000

COSELEY

Clifton Street, Hurst Hill

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This beautifully presented, extended, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained/improved by the current owners and internal inspection is strongly advised to appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, extended dining kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, CONSERVATORY, three good bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £137,500

COSELEY

Ivyhouse Lane

A most attractive, tremendously enhanced, modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed (and re-roofed) traditional style semi detached upon fine corner plot in well regarded neighbourhood. A number of period features have been retained, and the accommodation includes; elegant dining room with bay, understairs store, transverse sitting room (with multi-fuel stove), upgraded kitchen. To the first floor are two good sized bedrooms (one with fitted wardrobes), and a reappointed bathroom with white suite. Second floor loft conversion double bedroom. Gardens, potential secure parking (not verified, and subject to regulations). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £135,000

STOURBRIDGE

Stourbridge Road, The Pump House

Enjoying a prime first floor position within this exclusive development, this REALLY FANTASTIC, EXCEPTIONALLY WELL APPOINTED AND IMPRESSIVE, TWO BEDROOM, LUXURY APARTMENT affords an arrangement of accommodation with many features, including UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING AND CENTRAL HEATING (with radiators), to comprise: attractive security intercom controlled foyer/communal hall, apartment s own large L shaped reception hall, generous sitting room with defined dining area and Juliette balcony, EXTREMELY STYLISH AND COMPREHENSIVELY FITTED KITCHEN, two good fitted double bedrooms and delightful four piece white bathroom. Thoughtful communal gardens and grounds, and with both allocated and visitor car parking. STOURBRIDGE OFFICE 01384 395555

Price: £132,950

LOWER GORNAL

Chaucer Avenue, Straits

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL A freehold, gas centrally heated (not tested) & part uPVC double glazed semi detached requiring some sympathetic updating set in well regarded/convenient neighbourhood. Accommodation comprises hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, lengthy drive, garage, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950

KINGSWINFORD

78 Lingfield Way

A DECEPTIVE MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW which is superbly located within a very popular cul-de-sac setting upon Crestwood Park , which requires updating and has much potential to enhance the VERY SPACIOUS layout which includes: reception hall, large attractive lounge with dining area, kitchen, TWO EXCELLENT BEDROOMS and bathroom. The property is further enhanced by the front lawn, LONG FRONT/SIDE DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN which benefits a private aspect. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £129,950

DUDLEY

Cherry Green, Old Park Farm

Enviably situated upon large CORNER PLOT, a signficantly improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached with good distant views and tremendous further potential. Superb stylish accommodation includes entrance porch, enlarged reception hall, store, 20'7" through living/dining room with elegant 'american walnut' style feature overmantel & a living flame gas fire, upgraded kitchen, three bedrooms (principal bedroom with walk-in wardrobes), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite. Large (17'3" x 9'5") garage & further secure gated parking, good size garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

DUDLEY

Dibdale Street

An ENLARGED, freehold, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated traditional semi detached with potential & tremendous views; porch, imposing reception hall, sitting room with bay, dining with patio doors, pantry, kitchen. Two double bedrooms (both with wardrobes), tiled bathroom & enlarged landing with staircase up to third dormer room. Large 'drive through' CONTRACTORS GARAGE with automated door, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

LANESFIELD

Ward Grove

A TREMENDOUSLY EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached of character that has been significantly improved by present vendors to provide entrance hall, lounge with bay, magnificent enlarged/refitted dining kitchen with 'walnut' effect units & many integrated appliances, double doors through to uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, pantry, utility/laundry room, separate toilet & a further 'computer room'. Two double bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite. Lengthy well tended, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

PENSNETT

Bell Street

Offering versatile family living space, this tremendously improved and beautifully presented, traditional style three bedroomed semi-detached home is well appointed throughout and simply must be viewed to appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. On closer inspection, the uPVC double glazed and gas centrally heated property briefly comprises: entrance hall, through lounge, dining room, splendid re-fitted breakfast kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, block paved driveway to front, and a pleasant rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £124,950

COSELEY

Clifton Street, Hurst Hill

A comparatively SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional end terrace of character that has been conscientiously maintained & TREMENDOUSLY IMPROVED in recent years conveniently situated backing onto allotments at rear with distant views. Accommodation provides dining room with OPEN FIREPLACE, store, lounge with 'living flame' feature fireplace, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units, lobby, recently reappointed bathroom with stylish white suite. THREE BEDROOMS, neat sheltered rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £122,450

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TIPTON

Watts Close, Foxyards

A conscientiously maintained, FREEHOLD, gas centrally heated & mostly double glazed semi detached in favoured cul de sac. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, transverse lounge with feature 'living flame' fireplace, breakfast kitchen with glazed verandah beyond, tiled shower room, two double bedrooms (presently sub-divided to provide three bedrooms), boarded loft space, driveway to GARAGE, neat garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

UPPER GORNAL

North Oval

A conscientiously maintained, EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed end "starter home" upon wide corner plot with extensive gated block paved parking, and good distant views from rear. Spacious, excellent accommodation includes; reception hall, separate dining room, through living room with feature fireplace, extended L shape breakfast kitchen. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Large garage, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

DUDLEY

Garrick Close, "Earls Keep"

A well proportioned & exceptionally well presented, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated second floor Bryant built apartment forming part of an attractive block of six set in landscaped grounds upon highly favoured development with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS. There is an 'entry phone' style system to communal sections and the accommodation includes reception hall, two good sized bedrooms (principal bedroom with two double built in wardrobes), bathroom with white suite, superb 20'10" through living/dining room with bay & a well equipped kitchen with various integrated appliances. Landscaped grounds & allocated parking for two vehicles. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £112,000

UPPER GORNAL

Kinfare Rise

VENDOR IS OFFERING A 5% GIFTED DEPOSIT ON THE FULL ASKING PRICE.This surprisingly spacious, traditional style, double glazed & gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detachd home is situated in an established residential location and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kichen with a fine range of units, three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, concrete print driveway and a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950

DUDLEY

Acacia Close

An attractive, stylish & significantly improved, freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated intermediate "starter home". in relatively quiet/convenient cul-de-sac. Accommodation includes; reception hall, store, kitchen with a further understairs store, lounge/dining room with patio doors out to the garden. Two double bedrooms, bathroom with shower. Ample parking to front, and a neat secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950

LOWER GORNAL

Woodfield Road

A DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS, tremendously modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally & uPVC double glazed intermediate "starter home" in well regarded district. Superb accommodation includes entrance hall, lounge with walk in bay, recently refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'Shreiber' units, integrated oven, hob & extractor, pantry, lobby, separate toilet. Three bedrooms, recently reappointed bathroom with traditional style white suite, off road parking to front (kerb dropped) & good size rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950

UPPER GORNAL

Cricket Meadow

A tremendously modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS in an established/convenient district. The superb accommodation includes; entrance hallway, through lounge with "Living Flame" feature gas fire, dining room, and professionally refitted/enlarged kitchen with a fine range of "beech" effect units, oven, hob, extractor & refrigerator. Two double bedrooms, bathroom. Exernally there is a through passageway with store and utility room. Gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950

LOWER GORNAL

Brook Street

A comparatively SPACIOUS, modernised & improved, EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated traditional intermediate terrace of character excellently situated within walking distance of the village. Stylish well presented accommodation includes superb 20'4" lounge, large transverse dining kitchen with an extensive range of 'first quality' units & a verandah beyond. Two generous double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950

SEDGLEY

Greenway Gardens

NO UPWARD CHAIN, Situated in a quiet cul de sac location convenient for local amenities, this traditional style, three bedroom, uPVC double glazed and gas centrally heated semi detached home is sure to appeal to both young families and first time buyers and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, through lounge/dining room, kitchen, bathroom with separate w.c., three first floor bedrooms, secure parking and lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £107,950

RUSSELLS HALL

Ketley Hill Road

A DELIGHTFUL MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is very well located within the very popular Russells Hall development, offering a SPACIOUS and VERY WELL PRESENTED layout of accommodation which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, comprising: entrance porch, full width lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS and refitted bathroom. The property is set back beyond the attractively maintained front gardens and to the rear enjoying a very pleasant enclosed garden with store. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE: 01384 265265

Offers Around £106,950

DUDLEY

Elm Green, Old Park Farm

A particularly SPACIOUS, significantly modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPV double glazed intermediate 'family home' conveniently situated in relatively quiet neighbourhood. Excellent accommodation includes reception hall, tiled shower room, lounge, sitting room, large 18ft 'cottage style' breakfast kitchen acting as the 'hub of the house' with numerous units and patio doors out to the garden, FOUR BEDROOMS, upgraded bathroom, brick/block paved foregarden, neat rear garden and POTENTIAL GARAGE (subject to regulations). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,950

LOWER GORNAL

Stickley Lane

A significantly modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & mostly uPVC double glazed intermediate 'starter home' in established neighbourhood with good distant views. Stylish accommodation comprises entrance hallway, through lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen with various integrated appliances, pantry, two double bedrooms, bathroom. Useful lobby, separate toilet, good sized level rear garden, potential off road parking (kerb not dropped). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £103,000

COSELEY

Langley Avenue

A significantly modernised, well presented, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED intermediate 'starter home' in a convenient cul de sac within walking distance of so many amenities. Stylish accommodation includes entrance porch, inner hallway, lounge, store, refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of 'walnut' effect units & various integrated appliances, patio doors to garden. THREE BEDROOMS, reappointed bathroom with white, brick/block paved off road parking to front (kerb dropped) & a secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £100,000

COSELEY

Birmingham New Road

An attractive, traditional, freehold, inter-war semi detached of character with many fine period features (leaded/stained glazed casements & doors, fireplaces, ceiling heights, panelled doors) with TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. Accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room, pantry, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950

COSELEY

Bank Street

A tremendously modernised, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED traditional intermediate terrace in superb order. Stylish accomodation includes lounge, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, two good bedrooms, bathroom with white 'contemporary' suite, neat garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £93,500

COSELEY

Ebenezer Street

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A significantly MODERNISED & much enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED intermediate terrace in a convenient/established district. Stylish accommodation includes lounge, dining room, upgraded kitchen. To the first floor are double & single bedrooms together with reappointed bathroom with white/shower, "low maintenance" (decking) garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £92,500

NETHERTON

Ashfield Crescent

This well presented, gas centrally heated end town house offers two bedroomed accommodation which is ideally suited to the first time buyer or young family. Sold with NO UPWARD CHAIN, the uPVC double glazed accommodation comprises: hall, kitchen, through lounge, two first floor bedrooms, modern bathroom, garden to the rear, cavity wall insulation, uPVC gutter and fascia, modern wiring, modern décor. Must be viewed. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £89,950

SEDGLEY

The Quadrant

This traditional style, three bedroom, gas centrally heated mid townhouse would now ideally benefit from sympathetic improvement/updating, yet offers excellent potential. The comparatively spacious accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, through lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom & lawned gardens to front & rear. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £84,950

COSELEY

Evergreen Close

Situated just off Mount Pleasant Street and with NO UPWARD CHAIN, a gas radiator centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed mews style end 'starter home' in convenient district. Accommodation includes porch (with bin store), hallway, upgraded kitchen, lounge, TWO BEDROOMS (one with fitted wardrobes), upgraded shower room with white suite (former bathroom), allocated parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Offers around £219,950

NETHERTON
YEW TREE HILLS

Pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address, this Traditinal 2 Bedroomed Detached Bungalow provides spacious gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation which although requires modernisation and improvement provides tremendous futher potential. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Good Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate W.C., Side Gargae, Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens and Driveway for 2 Cars. NO UPWARD CHAIN

Offers around £174,950

NETHERTON
BIRCH TERRACE

Pleasantly situated in this "lesser known" yet very convenient address,this individually designed 3 Bedroomed Detached Dormer bungalow provides spacious,versatile, gas centrally heated and double glazed family accomodation available with NO UPWARD CHAIN.Briefly comprise: Hall,spacious Lounge, separate Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, Master Bedroom, 2 double First Floor Bedrooms, Bathroom, rear gardens with long driveway providing superb parking ideal for caravan/boat to the rear with considerable potential for Storage and possible development (subject to Planning Permissions, etc).

Offers around £169,950

BRIERLEY HILL
LIMES AVENUE

Occupying a pleasant corner plot in this convenient address, this Brand New 3 Bedroomed Detached residence provides well planned gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family and is available with "NO UPWARD CHAIN". Briefly comprises:- Hall, Downstairs W.C., Spacious Lounge, Large fitted Dining Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 3 Good Bedrooms, Fitted House Bathroom, Side Garage, Driveway and Enclosed Rear Gardens.

Offers around £127,500

NETHERTON
BIRCH TERRACE

This well presented Traditional 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and double glazed accomodation ideal for the young family in this popular and very convenient "lesser known" address. Briefly comprises: Hall, attractive Lounge,separate Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, 2 good Bedrooms with access to Bedroom 3 , pleasant long rear gardens with tarmacadam driveway providing excellent rear parking with excellent further scope for storage of caravan/boat, etc. or other uses (subject to planning permissions).

Offers around £124,950

PENSNETT
MULLETT STREET

This delightfully presented, neatly improved 2 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or first time buyer and is pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient location. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Attractive Lounge, Large Fitted Dining Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 2 Good Bedrooms, Attractively Re-appointed Shower Room with State of the Art Steam Cab, Side Utility/Store, Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens and Driveway to the Front.

Offers around £97,500

KINGSWINFORD
BEECHES CLOSE

Most pleasantly situated in this popular cul-de-sac, this 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious extended gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed family accomodation which is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and briefly comprises: Porch, Hall, Lounge, separate Dining Room, extended "L" shaped Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, refitted Downstairs Wet Room with Utility space, 3 Bedrooms, attractively refitted Bathroom with shower, side Garage and pleasant lawned rear gardens with southerly facing aspect.

Offers around £149,950

QUARRY BANK
STOUR VALLEY CLOSE

This Stylishly Improved Modern 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached is pleasantly situated in this small cul-de-sac close to local schools, and provides very deceptive, gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family. INTERNAL INSPECTION STRONGLY ADVISED. Briefly comprises: Hall, Spacious Lounge, Superb Refitted Kitchen with built in oven and hob , Downstairs Shower Room, 3 Extremely well proportioned Bedrooms, Stylish refitted Bathroom with Shower, Intergral Garage, Driveway and Pleasant Lawned Landscaped Rear Garden.

Offers around £144,950

BRIERLEY HILL
GOLDEN CROSS WAY

This delightfully presented Modern 3 Bedroomed End Town house in this popular and very convenient development and provides gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family and comprises:- Hall, Downstairs W.C, Spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Area, Attractive Modern Kitchen with Built in Oven and Hob, 3 Good Bedrooms (Master with en-suite Shower Room Off), Fitted House Bathroom, Side Garage, Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens with Southerly Facing Aspect and Driveway to Front.

Offers around £139,950

KINGSWINFORD
BROMLEY LANE

Pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address, this well presented Modern 3 Bedroomed Intermediate Townhouse provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated accommodation with Upvc replacement windows ideal for the young family and briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Large Dining Kitchen, 3 Excellent Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with shower. Enclosed Rear Gardens with gates allowing for off road Parking and neat Front Garden.

Offers around £119,950

QUARRY BANK
PARK ROAD

This attractively presented, neatly kept Traditional 3 Bedroomed Intermediate Townhouse provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family in this popular and convenient address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Attractive Lounge, Fitted Spacious Dining Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Large Lawned Rear Gardens with pleasant sunny aspect and Driveway Parking for 2 cars to the front.

Offers around £109,950

QUARRY BANK
BATH ROAD

This attractively and stylishly presented 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached provides spacious gas centrally heated accommodation with uPVC windows, ideal for the discerning young family or First Time buyer and enjoys a pleasant position overlooking 'The Green' in this popular and convenient address. Briefly comprises: Hall, Attractive Lounge and archway to Dining Room, Extended Fitted Kitchen with built in oven and hob, Double Glazed Conservatory, attractive Bathroom with corner bath, 3 good Bedrooms and Good Sized Rear Gardens

Offers around £104,950

QUARRY BANK
EAST STREET

This attractively presented, much improved 2 Bedroomed Intermediate Terrace provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family or First Time buyer and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Attractive Lounge, Attractively Fitted Dining Kitchen, 2 Good Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with separate shower cubicle and pleasant low maintainence Rear Gardens.

Offers around £99,950

QUARRY BANK
CHARLES ROAD

This well presented 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and mostly Upvc double glazed accommodation, ideal for the young family in this ever popular address and is available at a keen asking price for early sale with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises: Porch, Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, 3 Good Bedrooms, Refitted Shower/Wet Room and pleasant good sized lawned Rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect.

Offers around £94,995

BRIERLEY HILL
WILLIAM STREET

NO CHAIN- ALL SERIOUS OFFERS CONSIDERED This attractively presented, much improved and extended 2 bedroomed Intermediate Terrace provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family or First Time Buyer in this popular, convenient and established address. Briefly comprises:- Spacious extended Lounge, separate Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, 2 double Bedrooms, attractively fitted Bathroom with shower and pleasant long landscaped rear gardens extending to over 100ft.

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By Sharon Walters

IN THE RECENT past there has been a plethora of people carriers of all different shapes and sizes, many of them memorable for very little.

The Peugeot 3008 crossover that I tested is memorable. The reason? It is one of the most comfortable cars that I have ever driven.

There are cars which cost three times as much as the 3008 that would struggle to meet the ride quality and comfort that this car possesses.

So how have they managed this little miracle? Starting with the outside, the lines of the body take their cues from the rest of the Peugeot range with the distinctive front grille and make for an efficient shape. The front lights are embedded into the sides of the wings and add to the overall smooth feel of the bodylines.

At the rear the door opens on the back in a clamshell fashion so you have a useful shelf on which you can lift things before sliding them in to the large boot space. There is a split shelf in the boot so you can put fragile items in the bottom and bulky ones on the top.

On the inside is a well finished leather interior. The seats are extremely comfortable and the front ones are fully adjustable.

The switchgear on the dashboard is reminiscent of the old sports cars with the modern equivalent of toggle switches laid out in a line. They are easy to use and you don't need to read a full manual before you can operate them with confidence.

An efficient shape features the distinctive Peugeot grille

By the side of the gear lever is a rotary switch, again laid out very clearly, that lets you engage the myriad of options for traction control and ESP.

The dashboard comes in for particular praise. Not only is it very well laid out, with all the relevant information to hand, it is very easy to read in bright sunlight and has just the right contrast so that it does not interfere with your vision when travelling at night.

The engine is a 1600cc petrol unit which, coupled to a six-speed manual gearbox, (an automatic is an option), is perfectly matched for the size of the car. It provided a great balance of power and well-spaced gears.

On the open road the steering is light but provides enough feedback so that you can feel exactly what is happening to the road surface.

The body roll is also fairly minimal as the suspension provides a firm, yet never intrusive, ride quality that never changes from motorway driving to country lanes. This results in a drive quality that provides a great balance between being over firm or over soft.

The Peugeot engineers have done a great job. This is the best part of the package and allows

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All-wheel drive Subaru makes light of wet road

The Subaru Impreza – impressed test drivers in slippery road tests

SUBARU'S all-wheel drive Impreza is the hatchback to be in when bad weather strikes, according to handling tests carried out recently by MSN Cars.

The popular automotive website took four rival hatchbacks to the Wet Grip facility at Rockingham Raceway, Northamptonshire, to establish which was the safest to own and drive on slippery and hazardous roads.

The Impreza's rivals in this slippery skid-pan shoot-out were the BMW 1 Series, Honda Civic and Volkswagen Golf.

All four were priced under £18,000, but they offered the full range of drivetrain layouts: the BMW was rear-wheel drive, the Honda and Golf were driven by the front wheels, and the Impreza, as with all production Subarus, boasted all-wheel drive.

Three separate tests were undertaken at the saturated, and very slippery, Wet Grip facility: Simulated skid recovery from 30mph, wet slalom and standing start on a polished surface.

In each of the disciplines the Impreza performed admirably, comfortably recovering the simulated skid and dispatching the slalom course with ease.

The standing start test, in particular, highlighted the obvious benefits of all-wheel drive, with the Impreza completing the course three seconds faster than the front-drive pairing of the Golf and Civic and a full six seconds ahead of the rear-drive BMW, despite being one of the least powerful vehicles on test.

Blizzard

MSN Cars said of the Impreza: "This is a car you could drive through the middle of a blizzard and emerge out the other side.

"And it doesn't even have fancy traction or stability control like the other cars here, so it relies on the mechanical grip inherent with the AWD system.

"It held on to the road well and the all-wheel drive did the job from an icy standing-start, as well as the other test situations. Best performer on the day on the skid pan."

Marketing director of Subaru UK, Kenyon Neads, added: "All-wheel drive is fundamental to our car-making philosophy.

"The test carried out by MSN Cars proves that when icy, slippery conditions take over – as they have done on numerous occasions in recent times – there is simply no substitute for the superior mechanical grip offered by our symmetrical all-wheel drive system."

Subaru's all-wheel-drive range starts at £17,345 for the entry level Impreza 1.5 RC, and rises to £35,795 for the top-of-the-range 3.6R Outback Cross-over.

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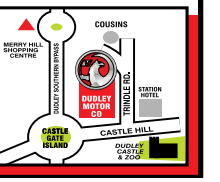

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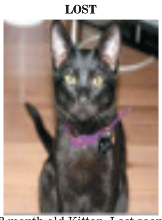

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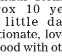

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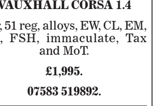

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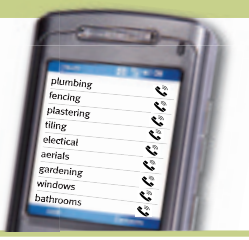

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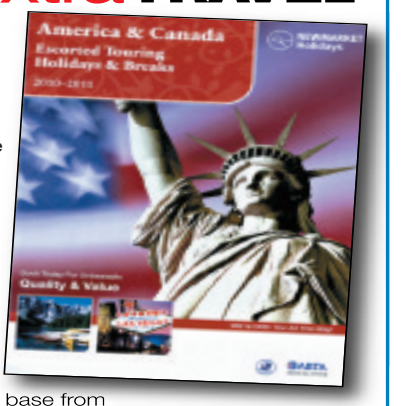

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Sports find Casuals too efficient to handle

W'hampton Casuals 2 Dudley Sports 1

SUPERB Wolverhampton Casuals distanced themselves from the West Midland Premier Division relegation zone with an excellent victory.

Casuals threatened from the start as Mike Hancox and Joe Pickering wasted golden chances. Sports had to thank keeper Samuel Pearson in the 15th minute with a fine save to stop Hancox.

The visitors first shot on goal came in the 18th minute when Sam Wilkinson's 25 yard effort brought the best out of Casuals' keeper Steve Wibberley, who pushed the ball over the bar.

Casuals dominated the remainder of the half as Luke Tudor had a goal ruled off-side and Hancox shooting from six yards straight at Pearson. At the start of the second half Pickering had a goal ruled off-side.

Dudley looked dangerous as Kevin Vogeli fired over from 12 yards and then minutes later Wibberley used his legs to block Vogeli's goal-bound shot.

The hosts finally broke the deadlock in the 70th minute when Hancox headed in a Tom Maydew's cross. Mark Habbershaw made it 2-0, drilling in a free kick.

Matt Weyman grabbed a consolation goal for Sports in added time from the penalty spot after Wilkinson had been tripped.

Paying the price for poor finishing

Tiverton Town 1 Stourbridge 0

STOURBRIDGE were found wanting in front of goal as Cameroonian striker Jules Emati-Emati scored the only goal of the match.

Gary Hackett's men enjoyed some good possession and mustered several shots on goal, but due to some wayward finishing they ultimately failed to score for the second game in a row.

The visitors started well and might have taken the lead in the third minute when Aaron Drake sent in a right-wing corner that was met by Paul McCone. But McCone could not direct his header.

Seven minutes later a Leon Broadhurst cross was deflected into the path of Sam Rock who drilled a shot over the bar from the left-hand side of the area.

The home side forced the first save of the afternoon with 13 minutes gone. Emati-Emati flicked the ball through to Ian Sampson, whose early lob was touched over the bar by Lewis Solly.

Safely

Stourbridge, though, had another opportunity seven minutes later as Linden Dovey capitalised on some defensive uncertainty to slip the ball through to Ryan Rowe on the right-hand side of the box only to roll his low shot wide of the far post.

In the 31st minute Solly was called into action again when a free-kick was flicked up for Leonard to hit on the volley. But the Stourbridge custodian got safely behind the ball.

The visitors went desperately close on 34 minutes when James Dyson touched the ball inside to Rowe who cracked in a 25-yard shot that beat Ross Draper, but rattled the crossbar.

But Tiverton broke the deadlock a minute later.

Leonard delivered in a free-kick beyond the far post where Kevin Hill rose to drift a header across the Glassboys' six-yard box for Emati-Emati to hook home.

Stourbridge sought to get back on level terms and they twice nearly equalised in the space of a minute.

But Tiverton doggedly defended their slender advantage to the final whistle.

Lock forward Ed Parry uses his full height to score DK's 6th try while, right, full back Simon Fletcher touches down DK's seventh and final try

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Dudley Kingswinford 39 Old Halesonians 0

FLAWLESS Dudley Kingswinford claimed the Midlands 1 West title with a 39-0 rout of Old Halesonians.

Sutton Coldfield's shock defeat at Bournville meant DK claimed the crown with two games to spare, in which they will attempt to complete a magnificent perfect season of 26 wins from 26.

Local rivals Halesonians provided little resistance to rampant DK, who notched up seven tries.

They should have opened the scoring in the 12th minute following a long searching kick from Simon Fletcher, but Ed Parry was just unable to hold the pass in front of the line.

Eight minutes later came the game's opening try when the pack quickly spread the ball to Jak Davis, who flew in for an unconverted score.

Excellent

It should have been the first of many, with DK constantly breaking the Halesonians line only to see their final pass go astray.

The pressure finally told on 39 minutes when Stefan Shillingford's astute chip over the cover saw James Jefferson cross the line for 10-0.

In first half stoppage time the scoreline looked far healthier, with Tom Weaver's dash through two defenders earning an excellent individual try, converted by Gareth Bown.

Despite being down to 14 men with Jon Tideswell sin-binned, DK extended their lead after the break through captain Pete Knight, who took a magical pass from Bown for the bonus-point fourth try.

They then put the result beyond any doubt when Tui Asi-Pito drove over following a lineout deep in the Old Halesonians 22. A tempestuous half saw Ollie Shakespeare receive a red card for striking an opponent, while visiting scrum half Chris Wagstaff was sin-binned for slowing the ball.

Parry added a sixth DK try after 74 minutes, breaking from a rolling maul to increase the lead to 34-0. James Jefferson should have scored two minutes later but dropped the ball over the line, however there was still time for a seventh try from Fletcher following a quick break.

Old Halesonians are the opponents again next Saturday when the teams contest a North Midlands Cup quarter final at Wassell Grove (kick off 3pm).

Tui Asi-Pito is just too late to stop Old Halesonians' scrum half and skipper Chris Wagstaff passing

DK skipper Pete Knight about to offload the ball to fellow flanker Jon Tideswell

Robins feel sick in 5-goal drubbing

Dudley Town 0 Wednesfield 5

DEPLETED Dudley Town fell to a second consecutive defeat since naming Neil Perks as permanent manager, suffering a 5-0 mauling at the hands of Wednesfield.

Riddled with injury and illness, the Robins gave a good account themselves but could not live with the visitors.

Conor Gater and Ben Stretton were already key absentees but Dudley's situation worsened before kick off when Matt Rodgers failed a fitness test, handing a debut to coach Keith Fletcher.

Dudley made a decent start and, after Perry forced a fine save from Wednesfield's young shot-stopper Sam Arnold, Danny Bell was unfortunate to place the ball just over the cross bar.

It took a stroke of individual brilliance for Wednesfield to take the lead, with Anton Johns flicking up the ball and drilling a shot past the stranded Fletcher.

A two-goal cushion was secured by half time when another brilliant strike was too good for Fletcher, this time Ashley Southall powering home a drive from range.

Emergency

Dudley began the second half knocking on Wednesfield's door with Dreniz Bala, playing through the pain barrier of a hamstring pull, causing problems with Geoff Hill up front.

However, the game was put to bed on 51 minutes when player-manager Paul Sullivan finished a neat move started by former Dudley winger Tyrone Clarke.

Another former Robins wide man, Bekir Hall, was on hand to dish out further punishment with a fourth Wednesfield goal after 69 minutes.

Emergency keeper Fletcher was on hand to pull of several fine saves as Wednesfield pushed on for their fifth, which finally arrived just before full time.

Young substitute Ben Fray dribbled his way through the Robins defence and made no mistake with his finish.

Title-chasing Tividale were due to be Dudley's next opponents on Wednesday night.

Mauled Yeltz dumped back to bottom

Halesowen Town 0 Truro City 3

HALESOWEN were sent back to the foot of the table by title-chasing Truro City who left The Grove with an easy three points.

The Yeltz welcomed back Anthony Bruce and Michael McGrath but never looked like gaining revenge for a 6-0 reverse in Cornwall earlier this season, ***writes David Johnson.***

Home goalkeeper Louis Connor kept out a third minute shot from Marcus Martin before making a good save from Dan Smith's drive.

After a tentative start on a bone dry playing surface Halesowen started to compete well, with Bruce's cross from the left just evading centre forward Mark Smith. Rory Curtis then advanced down the right but saw his 23rd minute shot gathered by Truro goalkeeper Martin Rice.

The visitors had the edge on quality and took a 31st minute lead when Les Afful, the smallest player on the pitch, converted a simple free header from Scott Walker's right-wing corner.

The Yeltz enjoyed a good spell late in the first half and Gareth Davies planted a lob over the bar before Keenan Meakin-Richards saw a shot deflect agonisingly wide of the far post. Three successive corners tested the White Tigers' defence, with former Fulham and Leicester City striker Barry Hayles called into action to clear a Peter Folkes header off the line.

In the second half the White Tigers doubled their lead when veteran Andrew stole a march on the home defence to slot home a great finish.

A third goal came in the 73rd minute when Hayles switched play with a clever reverse pass for full-back Barry McConnell to slide home from the right.

The final few minutes were generally flat although the Yeltz went close when Bruce glanced a header wide from close range.

Lone goal is enough to take spoils

Tividale 1 AFC Wulfrunians 0

TIVIDALE took an enormous step towards winning the West Midlands Regional League Premier Division title with a well deserved 1-0 victory over nearest rivals AFC Wulfrunians.

The home sided started brightly and built up pressure on the visitors defence and were unlucky not to take the lead in the 12th minute when Lee Chilton's excellent 15-yard shot hammered into the frame of the goal.

Two minutes later came the deciding moment of the game when Tividale were awarded a penalty after striker Brett Clarke was brought down from behind as he was about to shoot. AFC Wulfunians protested so strongly the referee book three of their players.

Tividale top scorer Chris Russell calmly despatched the ball forwhat turned out to be the winning goal.

The remainder of the half saw the home team on top and little was seen of a visiting attack that had mustered 17 goals in their past four matches.

Five minutes into the second half Tividale were reduced to 10 men when the hard-working Adam Hill was given a straight red card following a tackle on Chip Southern.

Wulfs' tactic of getting the ball into the Tividale penalty area to their tall forwards to test a patched-up defence that lost the pivotal Joel Kettle, who failed a pre-match fitness test, did not work and the league's top scorers did not get a single effort on target.

Tividale can thank two outstanding performances for their rise to within a point of the leaders with three games in hand. Striker Lee Chilton, who ran the visitors defence ragged, and man of the match Mark Turton, who only played at the last minute, stood out.

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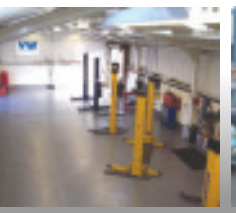

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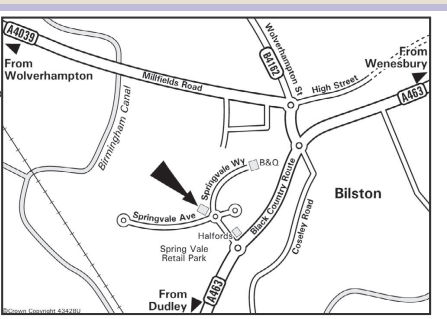

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